2024 US MASTERS

Caruana & Yip Win!

C50
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2741**
■ **So,Wesley 2751**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Kitty Kat: 'C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo ' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a6 8.h3** Prevents Ng4 **8...h6 9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Qe7N**

[10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 0-1 Admiraal,M (2441)-Bok,B (2607) II 128/62 Wijk aan Zee 2016]

[10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3 d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 Raf8 21.Rd1 dxe4 22.Nxe5 Ndxe5 23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5 ½-½ Saric,I (2659)-Keymer,V (2721) EU-chT 24th Budva 2023 (9.1)]

[10...Ne7 11.Bb3 *(11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6* ½-½ Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) World Championship Match, 10th Game Moscow 31 (2) *26.g3 Qe7 27.Nf5 Qf8 28.Nf3 Nc7 29.Ne3 Ng4 30.Nxg4 Bxg4 31.Nd2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Nc4 Qh6 34.Ne3 Bc8 35.Bg2 Nb5 36.Rbb1 Qf6 37.Kf1 Be6 38.Rbd1 Qe7 39.Qb2 Rxd1 40.Rxd1 Rd8* ½-½ Maldonado Gonzales,S (2092)-Nielsen,V (2388) Bassano del Grappa Vergani Cup 2023 (2) *)* 11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7 19.Ra4 d5 20.dxe5 Nxe4 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5 24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2 1-0 Santos Latasa,J (2624)-Pranesh, M (2598) Timisoara Foisor Memorial Rapid 2024 (5)]

11.b4 Be6 12.Rb1 Qd7 13.b5 Ne7 14.d4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4 exd4 16.cxd4 axb5 17.Rxb5 c6 18.Rb3 Ba3 would now be deadly.

[18.Rb1!?]

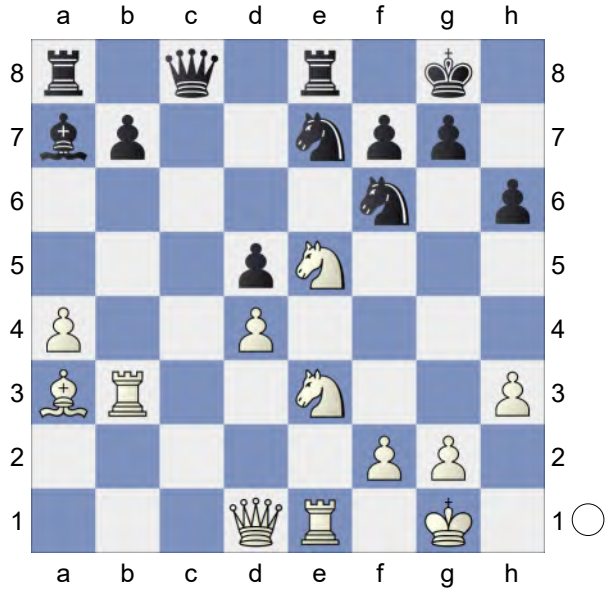
18...d5! 19.Nfe5 Qd8 0.77/23

[19...Qc7± 0.39/25 should be considered. 20.exd5 cxd5]

20.exd5± cxd5 21.Ne3 White is much more active. **21...Qc8 22.Ba3**

[22.N5g4 simplifies Nxg4 23.hxg4 Re8 24.Rb5]

22...Re8

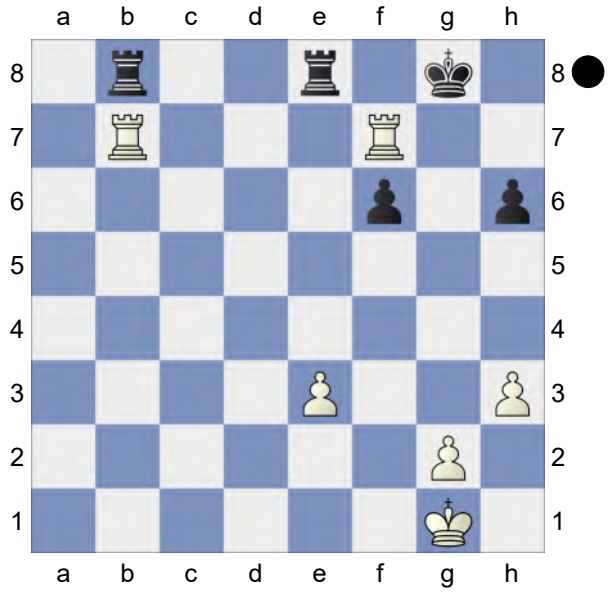


23.Qd3 0.00/23

[23.Bxe7!± 0.85/20 Rxe7 24.Qa1]

23...Nc6!= The position is equal. **24.Rc1**

Qe6 25.Rxb7 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Qxe5 27.Rcc7 Bxe3 28.fxe3 Qa1+ 29.Rc1 Qe5 30.Rcc7⇄ White has counterplay
30...Qa1+
[30...Qxe3+ simplifies 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Bb2 Re1+]
31.Rc1 Qe5 32.Bb2 Qe4 33.Rd1
[33.Qxe4 simplifies Nxe4 34.Ra1 Nd6 35.Rd7]
33...Qxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxa4 35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Rxd5 Endgame. KRR-KRR
36...Raa8 37.Rdd7 Rab8 38.Rxf7



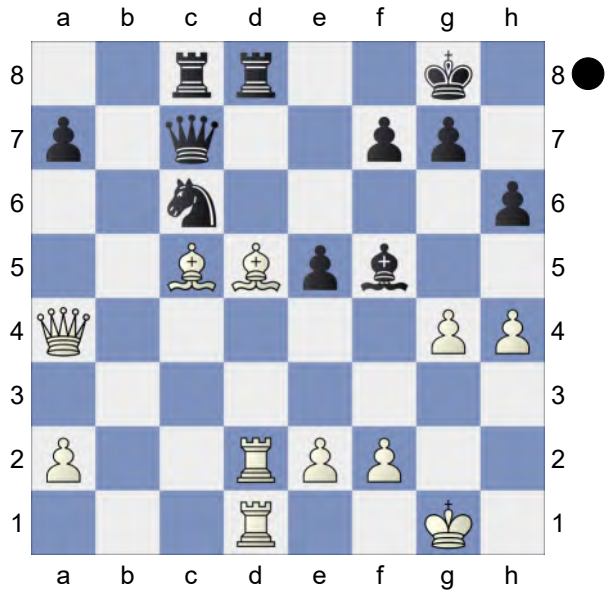
And now Rxb8 would win. **38...Rxb7 39.Rxb7 Rxe3** KR-KR **40.Kf2 Ra3 41.Kg1 Re3 42.Kf2 Ra3 43.Kg1 Re3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

D30
□ **Shankland,Sam 2677**
■ **Liang,Awonder 2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

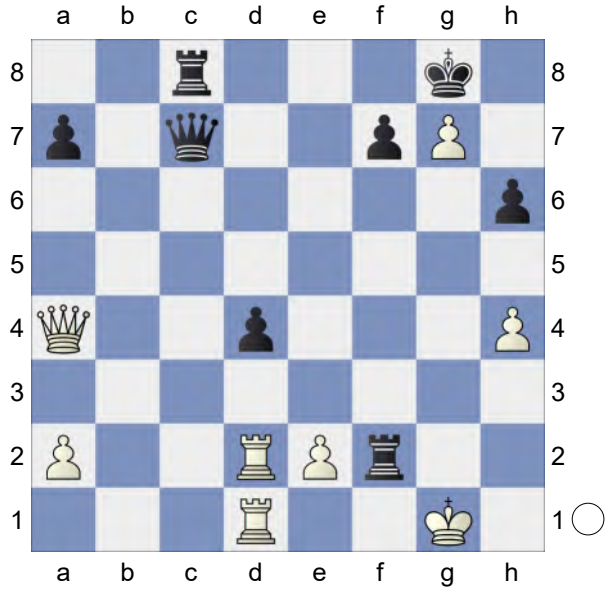
D41: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch with 5 cxd5 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 cxd4 6.0-0 Be7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd4 0-0 9.Nc3N**
[9.Qb3 Na6 10.Rd1 Nc5 11.Qf3 Bd7 12.e4 Nb6 13.Nc3 Qe8 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Bf4 Nca4 16.Nxa4 Bxa4 17.b3 Bd7 18.a4 f6 19.Be3 Nc8 20.Rac1 Bd6 21.Bh3 Kh8 22.Nb5 Bb8 23.Nc7 Bxc7 ½-½ Xu,L (2471)-8. 00 00 9. ♔h1 ♗d7 10.f4_7 (2445) Ayvalik 154/(89) 2022 24.Rxc7 Bc6 25.Bc5 Rg8 26.Bg2 Qg6 27.e5 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Bxg2 29.exf6 Qxf6 30.Kxg2 Qe5 31.Qd7 Nb6 32.Bxb6 axb6 33.Rc4 b5 34.Qxb5 Qxb5 35.axb5 Rd8 36.b6 h6 37.Rc7 Rd3 38.h4 Rxb3 ½-½ Szczepanski,Z (2471)-Rybak,M (2445) corr 3.Foglar veterans - GM-B email ICCF 2007]
[9.e4 Nb4 10.Nc3 N8c6 11.Nxc6 Nxc6 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Qe2 Rd8 14.Rfd1 Bd7 15.a3 4... c5 5.cxd5 exd5-Sideline Cxd4 Variatio]
9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 e5 11.Nc2 Nc6 12.Ne3 Be6 13.Qa4 Bc5 14.Rb1 Bxe3 15.Bxe3 Qc7 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.c4
[17.Bxa7? loses. b5 18.Qxb5 Nxa7-+]
17...h6 18.h4 Rfd8 19.Bd5 Re8 0.61/23
[Better is 19...Bf5= 0.11/22]
20.Rd2 White has more active pieces.
20...b6 21.Rbd1 0.24/22
[21.Bxe6± 0.63/21 might be stronger. Rxe6 22.c5]
21...Bf5 22.c5 bxc5 23.Bxc5 Red8! Prevents Bd6 **24.g4** -0.04/21
[24.Bg2± 0.59/22]

(Diagram)

24...Nd4!= The position is equal.



25.Bxd4 Rxd5 26.gxf5 exd4 27.f6
[27.e4 Rc5 28.Qxd4 Qf4∓]
[27.Rxd4 simplifies Rxf5 28.Qd7 Qxd7 29.Rxd7 Rc2 30.R1d2]
27...Rf5 28.fxg7 Rxf2



Decoy **29.Kxf2 Qf4+ 30.Kg2 Qg4+ 31.Kf1 Qf4+ 32.Kg2 Qg4+ 33.Kf1 Qf4+ 34.Kg2 Qg4+ 35.Kf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

C50
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano 2796**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.d3 h6 7.Re1**
[7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 0-1 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) Internet 2000 (1)]
7...Qf6N
[7...Nge7 8.b4 *(8.d4 Ng6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Bxd4 12.Qb3 Bxe3 13.Bxf7+ Kd7 14.Rxe3 Qf6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Nf4 17.Rxf4 Qxf4 18.Be6+ Ke7 19.Nf3 Ne5 20.Nd4 Rhe8 21.Bf5 Kf8 22.Ne6+ Rxe6* 1-0 Tabatabaei,M (2718)-Radjabov,T (2700) Moscow Stars Blitz 2024 (9)*)* 8...Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.g3 1-0 McNutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo,N (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) Qg5 23.Kh1 Nh5 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.Nxd3 b6 26.Qf2 Nc8 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.axb6 cxb6 29.Nd2 Nf6 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.f4 exf4 32.Nxf4 Nf8 33.Qf3 Ra7 34.e5 Rf7 35.Qe4 b5 36.Nd6 Nxd6 37.exd6 1-0 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2)]
8.b4 White has an edge. **8...Nge7 9.a4**

And now a5 would win. **9...a5 10.b5 Nd8 11.Be3 Ne6 12.Nbd2 Nf4 13.d4 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bf1 0-0** 1.02/21

[15...0-0-0= 0.29/24]

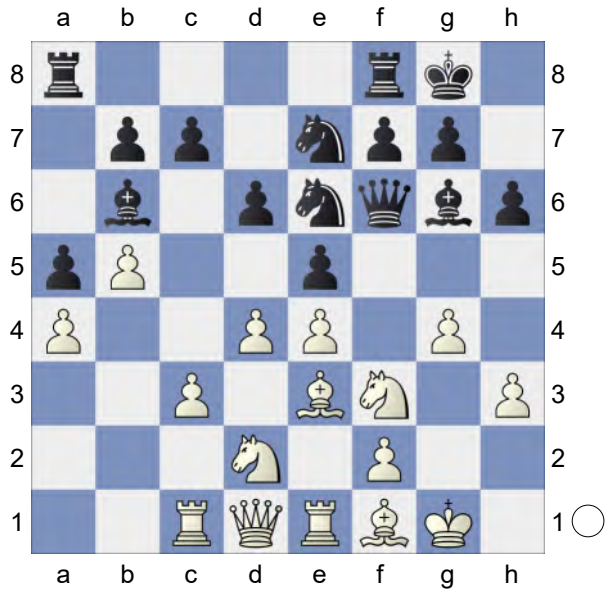
16.Rc1 0.58/20

[16.g3± 1.02/21]

16...Ne6 1.58/18

[Black should try 16...g5⩲ 0.58/20]

17.g4± Bg6



18.Nxe5 0.06/19 **dxe5=** The position is equal. **19.dxe5 Qxe5** aiming for ... Bxe3. **20.Nf3! Qxe4** ...Rad8 would now be deadly.

[20...Qf6? 21.e5+-]

21.Bxb6 Rad8! 22.Nd4 Qf4⇄ Black is not holding back **23.Bxa5 b6! 24.Bb4 Nxd4 25.cxd4**

[25.Rxe7? Nf3+-+]

25...Rxd4 26.Qe2 Rxb4 27.Qxe7 Rxa4 28.Qxc7 h5 29.Qxf4 Rxf4 30.gxh5 Bxh5 31.Rc6 Rb8 32.Re7 Kf8 33.Ra7 Re4 34.Kg2 Re7 35.Ra6 Reb7 36.Kg3 f6 37.Bg2 Be8 38.Re6 Bd7

[38...Re7 39.Rexb6 *(39.Raxb6 Rc8±)* 39...Rc8 40.Ra8 Rc3+ 41.f3]

39.Bxb7 Bxe6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **40.Bc6**

[Of course not 40.Rxb6 Bd7 41.Bc6 Rxb6-+]

40...Kf7 41.Ra7+ Kg6 42.Re7 Bc4 43.h4 Kh6 44.f3 Bd3 45.Rd7 Bf5 46.Rd6 Bc2 47.Bd5 Bd3 48.Bf7 Bf1 49.Kf2 Rf8

[49...Bxb5? loses. 50.Rd5 g5 51.Rxb5+-]

50.Kxf1 Rxf7 KR-KR **51.Kf2 Kh5 52.Kg3 Rb7 53.Rd5+ Kh6 54.Kg4 Rc7 55.Rd6 Rc4+ 56.f4 Rb4 57.Rxb6 g6 58.Rxf6 Rxb5 59.Re6 Ra5 60.Re5 Ra1 61.f5 gxf5+ 62.Rxf5 Ra4+ 63.Rf4 Rxf4+ 64.Kxf4** KP-K **64...Kh5 65.Kg3 Kh6 66.Kg4 Kh7 67.Kg5 Kh8 68.Kg6 Kg8 69.h5 Kh8 70.h6 Kg8 71.h7+ Kh8 72.Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

C07

□ **Aronian,Levon 2738**

■ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (1.4)

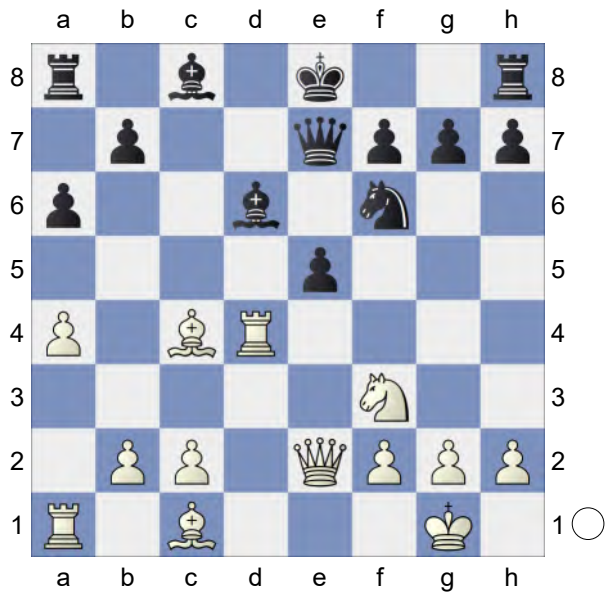
[Kitty Kat]

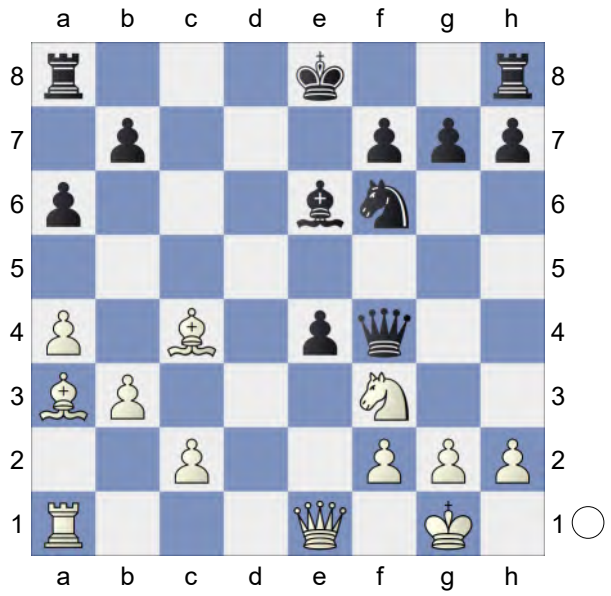
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0** White has compensation. **7...Nc6 8.Nb3 a6** White is slightly better. **9.a4 Nf6 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Rd1 e5 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Qe7**

(Diagram)

14.Rxd6 Qxd6 15.b3! Hoping for Ba3! **15...e4 16.Ba3 Qf4** The position is equal. **17.Qe1** Strongly threatening Qa5! **17...Be6**

(Diagram)





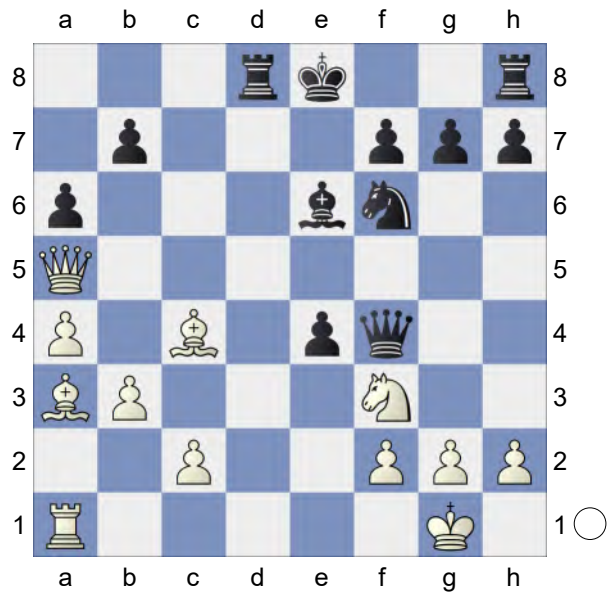
Threatens to win with ...Bxc4. **18.Qa5!** Qc5! is the strong threat. **18...Rd8!**

[18...exf3? perishes. 19.Qc5 Kd8 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qe7+ *(21.Rd1+ Nd5=)* 21...Kc8 22.Bd6+- *(22.Qxg7? Rg8-+* Skewer*; 22.Qxg7? Rg8-+* Skewer *)*]

(Diagram)

19.Qc5 Nd5 Prevents Qe7+.

[But not 19...Rd7? 20.Qc8+ Rd8



21.Qxb7+-]

20.Bxd5 Qf6 Wards off Qe7+ **21.Bc6+ bxc6 22.Qxc6+ Rd7 23.Qa8+ Rd8! 24.Qc6+ Rd7N 25.Qa8+ Rd8! 26.Qc6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

E49

□ **Robson,Ray** **2693**

■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (1.5)

[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c6 8.Ne2 b6 9.f3 Ba6 10.cxd5** White is slightly better. **10...Bxd3 11.Qxd3 cxd5 12.e4 Nc6 13.0-0 Qd7 14.c4N**

[14.Bg5 Ne8 15.e5 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Rad1 Qd6 18.Rfe1 Nd7 19.Bc1 Na5 20.Kh1 Nc4 21.Ng1 Rf5 22.Nh3 Raf8 23.Re2 h6 24.Nf2 Kh8 25.Ng4 e5 26.dxe5 Ndxe5 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.Rxe5 ½-½ Ferragut,A

(2716)-16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 (2683) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (3. 1)]

14...dxc4 15.Qxc4 Rac8 16.Bg5 e5 17.d5

[17.Bxf6 Nxd4 18.Qd3 gxf6∓]

17...Nd4 18.Qd3 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Ne8 20.Bd2 Nd6 21.Bb4 a5 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Qb2 Rc5 24.h3 Rfc8 25.Rfc1 h5 26.Kh2 f5 27.Rxc5

[27.exf5? e4+ *(27...Qxd5 28.Re1=)* 28.g3 exf3 *(28...Qxd5 29.fxe4 Qxe4 30.Rxc5∓)* 29.Rxc5 Rxc5-+]

27...Rxc5± 0.67/23 Endgame. KQR-KQR

[27...bxc5= 0.24/22 28.Rc1 *(28.exf5 e4+ 29.f4 Qxf4+ 30.Kh1 Qxf5∓)* 28...c4]

28.Rb1 0.28/19

[28.exf5 e4+ *(28...Qxd5 29.Qxb6 e4 30.Re1±; 28...Rxd5 29.Kh1=)* 29.Kg1 exf3-+ *(29...Qxd5 30.fxe4 Qxe4 31.Rf1=)*]

[28.Re1± 0.67/23 should be considered.]

28...fxe4= 29.fxe4 Qe2! would now be deadly. **29...Qf6** 0.85/21

[29...Rc4= 0.24/23]

(Diagram)

30.Qe2 0.00/28

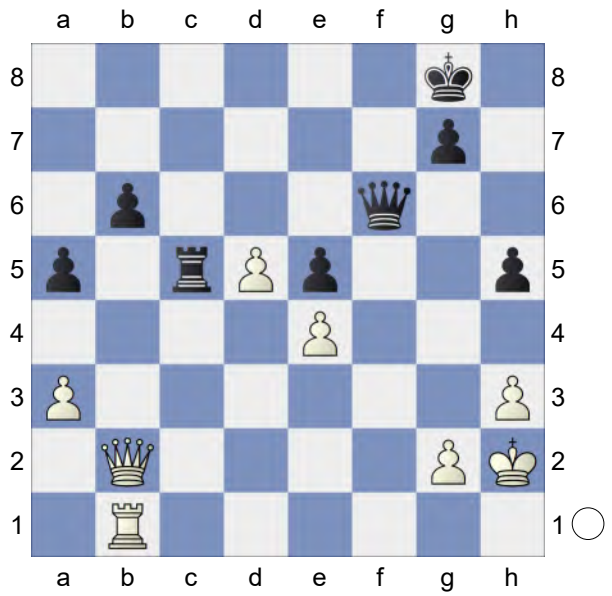
[30.Qxb6 Qxb6 *(30...Qf4+ 31.Kh1±)* 31.Rxb6 Rc4=]

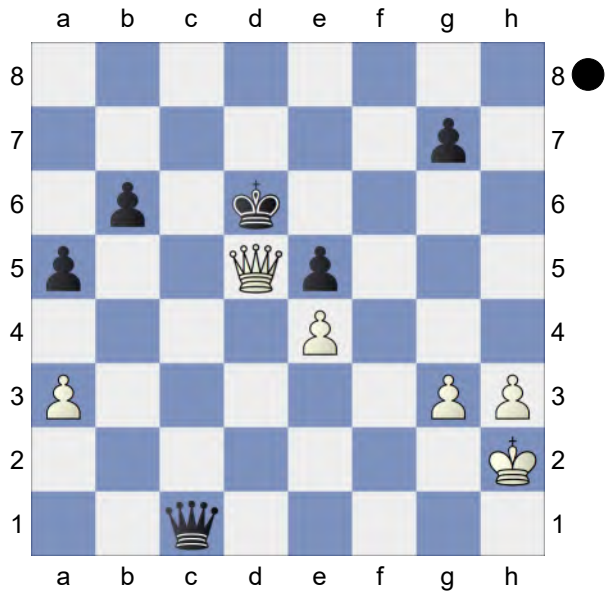
[White should play 30.Kh1!± 0.85/21]

30...Rc1 Decoy. The position is equal. **31.Rxc1** White threatens Rc8+ and mate. **31...Qf4+ 32.g3 Qxc1** KQ-KQ **33.d6 Kf8! 34.Qf3+**

[34.Qxh5 Qd2+ 35.Kg1 Qxd6∓]

34...Ke8! 35.Qxh5+ Kd7 ...Qd2+ is the strong threat. **36.Qf7+ Kxd6 37.Qd5+**





Deflection **37...Ke7 38.Qxe5+ Kf7 39.Qd5+**

[39.Qf4+ Qxf4 40.gxf4 b5-+]

39...Ke7 40.Qe5+ Kf7 41.Qd5+

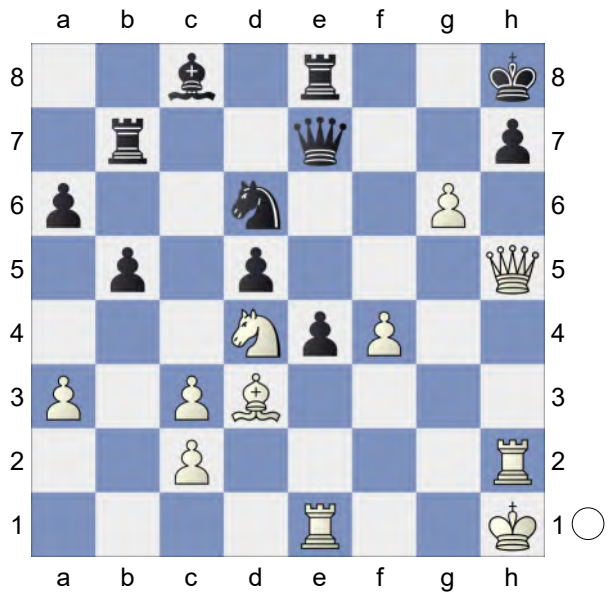
[Wrong is 41.Qf4+? Qxf4 42.gxf4 b5-+]

41...Ke7 42.Qb7+ Kf8 43.Qxb6 Hoping for Qb8+. **43...Qxa3 44.h4 a4 45.e5 Qa2+ 46.Kh3 Qc4 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kf8 49.e6 Qf1+ 50.Kg4 Qe2+ 51.Kf4 Qf2+ 52.Ke4 Qg2+ 53.Kf4 Qf2+ 54.Ke4 Qg2+ 55.Kf4 Qf2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05

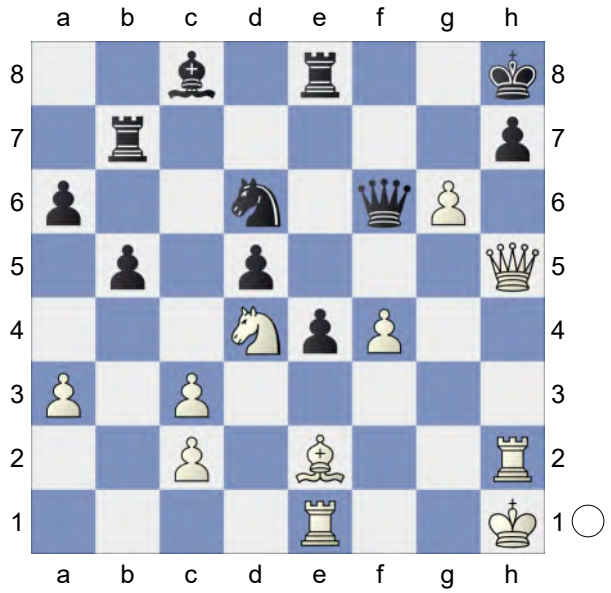
(flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C11
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2738**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bd2N**
[7.Nf3 Bxc5 8.Bd3 f6 *(8...a6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Bd2 b5 11.a3 Rb8 12.Nd1 Nb6 13.b4 Be7 14.0-0 Nc4* Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO C4 Survey 2000*)* 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Bd2 Bd7 12.0-0-0 Kh8 C 11/10-N,N 2000]
[7.a3 Bxc5 8.Qg4 g6 9.Nf3 a6 10.b4 Ba7 11.Bb2 b5 12.0-0-0 Bb7 13.Ne2 a5 14.c3 axb4 15.cxb4 Be3+ 16.Kb1 Qb6 17.Ned4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Rxd4 0-0 20.h4 Rxa3 21.Bxb5 Rb3 0-1 Kirschner,E-Meyers,L WT/II/165 corr ICCF 1975]
7...Nxc5 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.a3 a6 11.Be2 b5 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qe1 Ne4 14.Bd3 Nxc3 0.91/21
[14...Nc5± 0.39/19 15.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 16.Kh1 f6]
15.bxc3± f5 16.exf6 Bxf6? 2.46/19
[16...Rxf6± 0.81/19 was called for. 17.Qg3 Bd6]
17.Bc5+- Re8 18.Qg3 And now Ng5 would win. **18...Qc7 19.Kh1** 1.00/20
[19.Ng5!+- 1.75/23 Bxg5 20.Qxg5]
19...g6 1.77/20
[19...Ne7± 1.00/20 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 *(21.cxd4 Nf5±)* 21...Nf5 22.Nxf5 *(22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Rfe1 Re4=)* 22...exf5]
20.Bd4 0.96/20
[20.Ng5+- 1.77/20]
20...Rf8 21.h4 Qg7 22.Rae1 Rae8 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Nd4 Kh8 1.29/20
[Black should try 24...e5 0.84/21]
25.Rf3± Qe7 2.04/23
[25...Qf7± 1.41/22 was worth a try. 26.Qg5 Nxd4 27.cxd4 Rf8]
26.Qg5 aiming for h5. **26...Nd8 27.h5** White is much more active. **27...Nf7 28.Qh4 gxh5** 3.37/21
[28...Nd6 1.76/21 was necessary.]
29.g4+-
[29.Qxh5? Rh6 *(29...Qxa3 30.Qxh7#)* 30.Rh3 Rxh5-+ *(30...Qxa3? 31.Qxf7 Rxh3+ 32.gxh3+-)*]
29...e5 30.g5
[30.gxh5 e4 31.Rf2 Nh6-+]
[30.Qxh5? Rh6 *(30...Qxa3 31.Qxh7#)* 31.Rxe5 Rxh5+-+]
30...Rb6
[30...Rh6? 31.Nf5 Qd8 32.gxh6+- *(32.Nxh6 Nxh6 33.fxe5 d4+-)*]
31.Qxh5 e4 32.Rh3 Nd6? 4.61/21
[32...Nxg5 2.73/19 33.Qxg5 Qxg5 34.fxg5 Rg6]
33.g6 Bc8 Inhibits Ne6. **34.Rh2** 1.24/19
[34.Qxh7+ Qxh7 35.Rxh7+ Kg8=]
[34.f5 Rb7±]
[34.Ne6!+- 5.45/22 is the precise move to win. White wants to mate with Qe5+. Bxe6 35.Qe5+ *(35.Qxh7+? Qxh7 36.Rxh7+ Kg8-+)* 35...Kg8 36.gxh7+ *(36.Rxh7 Qxh7+ 37.gxh7+ Kxh7+-)* 36...Kf7 37.Qh5+ *(37.h8R Rxh8 38.Rxh8 Bf5+-)* 37...Kf6 38.h8Q+ *(38.h8R Rxh8 39.Qxh8+ Qg7+-)* 38...Rxh8 39.Qxh8+ Qg7 40.Rh6+ Kf7 41.Rh7 Pin *(41.Qxg7+ Kxg7 42.Rxe6 Nc8+-)*]
34...Rb7±



35.Be2!
[35.Qxd5 Qf6 36.Be2 *(36.Bxe4? Qxf4 37.Rhe2 Re5-+)* 36...Rg7∓]
[35.f5 Rf8 *(35...Qf6 36.Be2±)* 36.Be2 Nxf5∓]
35...Qf6

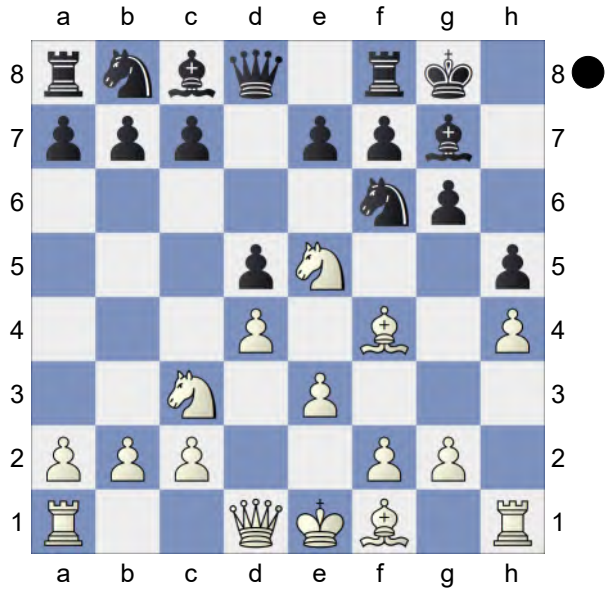


36.Rg1 0.00/24
[36.Qxd5 Rg7 37.Qg5 Rxg6 38.Qxf6+ Rxf6-+]
[36.Bg4!± 0.90/22]
36...Rg7!= The position is equal. **37.Qg5** Some like it hot
[37.Qxd5 e3 38.Bf3 Bb7∓]
37...Rf8 38.Qe5
[38.Qxd5 e3 39.Bf3 Qxf4]
38...Qxe5 39.fxe5 Nf5 40.Rg5 Ne7 41.Rxh7+ Rxh7+ 42.gxh7 Kxh7 43.e6 Rf6 44.Bh5 Rh6
[44...Bxe6 45.Re5 Rh6 *(45...Rf1+? 46.Kg2+-)* 46.Nxe6]
[44...Kh6!? 45.Re5□ Kg7=]
45.Kg1 Bxe6 46.Re5 Ng6 47.Rxe6 Rxh5 48.Rxa6 Endgame. KRN-KRN **48...Rh3 49.Nxb5 Nf4 50.Ra7+ Kg6 51.Re7 Rh8 52.Nc7 Kf6 53.Nxd5+** Remove Defender **53...Nxd5 54.Rxe4** KRN-KR **54...Kf5**
[54...Nxc3 55.Rc4∓]
55.Rd4 Nxc3 56.Kf2 Dodges Ne2 **56...Ke5 57.Rd7 Ne4+ 58.Ke2 Rh2+ 59.Kd1 Rh1+ 60.Ke2 Nc3+ 61.Kf2 Rh2+ 62.Ke3 Rh3+**
[62...Rxc2? 63.Re7+ *(63.Kd3 Rc1∓)* 63...Kd6 64.Ra7-+]
63.Kd2 Ne4+ 64.Kc1 Rxa3 65.Kb2
[65.Re7+ Kd5 66.Kd1 *(66.Rd7+ Nd6∓)* 66...Rf3∓]
65...Ra8
[65...Rc3!?]
66.Rd3
[66.Re7+ Kd4 67.Rd7+ Kc4 68.Rc7+ Nc5∓]
66...Nd6
[66...Rb8+? 67.Kc1-+]
67.Kb1
[67.Re3+ Kd4 68.Rd3+ Kc5∓ *(68...Ke5 69.c4=)*]
67...Nc4 68.Rd7 Rb8+ 69.Kc1 Ke4 70.Rh7 Rg8 71.Rd7
[71.Rh4+ Kd5 72.c3 *(72.Rh5+ Kc6∓)* 72...Rg2∓]
71...Ke3 72.Re7+ Kd4 (→ ...Rg1+) **73.Rd7+ Kc3 74.Rd3+ Kb4 75.Rb3+ Kc5 76.Rd3 Ra8 77.Kb1** Prevents Ra1+ **77...Ra3**
[77...Rb8+? 78.Kc1-+]

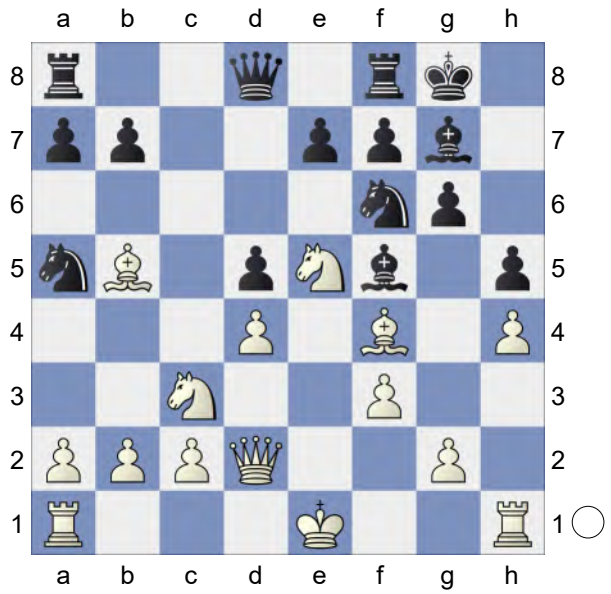
78.Rxa3 Nxa3+ 79.Ka1 Nxc2+ Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) / Black=0.28 (precise)
½-½

A45
□ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**
■ **Robson,Ray 2693**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3**
[6.Nb5!? Na6□ 7.Nc3=]
6...0-0 7.Ne5



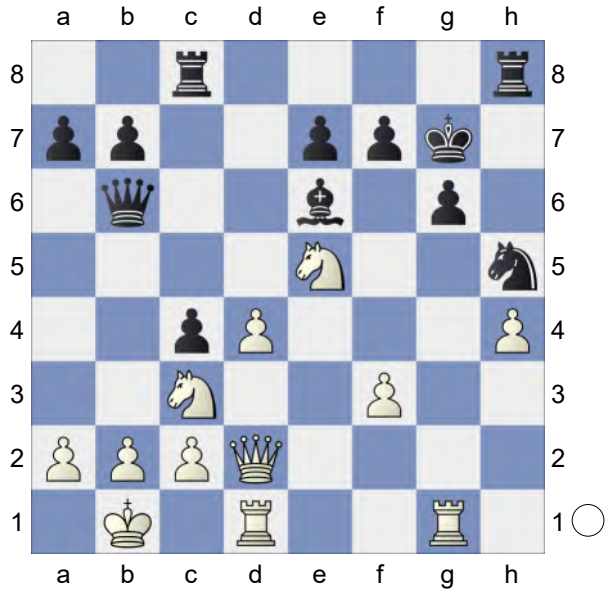
c5! 8.Qd2 Black has an edge. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.f3** Prevents Ng4. **10...Bf5! 11.Bb5 Na5N** 1.20/21
[11...Rc8= -0.28/24]
[11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Nxe5 14.Rhe1 d4 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Rxe5 dxc3 17.Qxc3 Qb6 18.Qd4 Rac8 19.c3 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Rc7 21.g4 hxg4 22.fxg4 Be6 23.a4 Kg7 24.h5 Rh8 25.Bd3 gxh5 26.gxh5 1-0 8.g3 ♗d7`9. ♗g2 (2718)-Grube,J (2764) KAZ-ch Semey 2022 (5.1) b6 27.Be2 Rc5 28.Re3 Rg5 29.b4 Kf6 30.Kd2 Rd5 31.Rxd5 Bxd5 32.c4 Bb7 33.a5 e5 34.Ra3 Rd8+ 35.Kc3 Kg5 36.Ra1 Be4 37.axb6 axb6 38.Ra6 Rb8 39.Ra7 Rf8 40.Rd7 Kf4 41.h6 1-0 6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2718)-Grube,J (2764) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (5.1) Bg6 42.c5 bxc5 43.bxc5 Bf5 44.Re7 Kg5 45.Rxe5 Kf6 46.Rd5 Rh8 47.Bd3 Bxd3 48.Kxd3 Kg6 49.Rd6+ f6 50.c6 Rf8 51.Kd4 Kxh6 52.c7 Rc8 53.Rxf6+ Kg7 54.Rc6 Kf7 55.Kc5 Ke7 56.Kb6 Erigaisi,A (2689)-Dominguez Perez,L (2754) (ol) 154/(180) Chennai 2022]



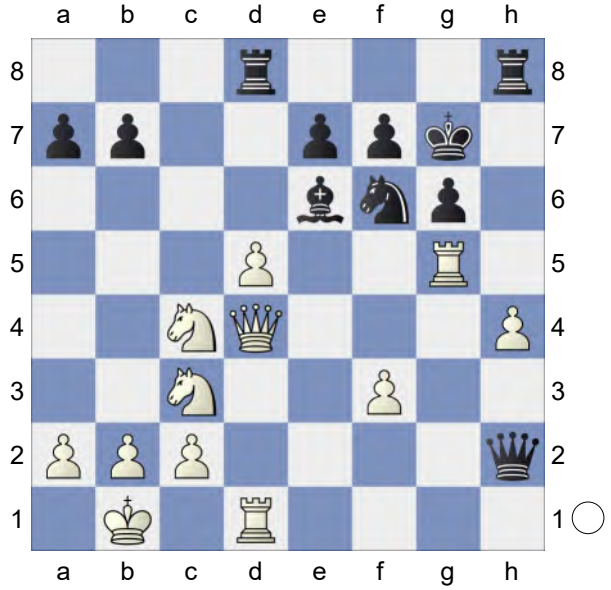
12.g4!± Be6 13.0-0-0 White has more active pieces. **13...Rc8 14.Kb1 Qb6** White must now prevent ...Rxc3! **15.Be2! Nc4** 1.65/21
[15...Rxc3± 1.10/21 16.Qxc3 hxg4]
16.Bxc4+- dxc4 17.Bh6! Rfd8
[17...hxg4 18.h5 Nxh5 19.Bxg7 *(19.fxg4 Bxe5 20.gxh5 Rfd8+-; 19.Nxg4 Bh8+-)* 19...Kxg7 20.Rxh5

(20.fxg4 Bxg4 21.Nxg4 Rh8+-; 20.Nxg4 Rh8±)]

18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.gxh5! Nxh5 20.Rhg1 Rh8



21.Rg5! Nf6 22.d5 Rcd8 23.Nxc4 A dynamic duo of knights. **23...Qc7 24.Qd4** Threatens to win with h5. **24...Qh2**



25.Ne3 0.95/18

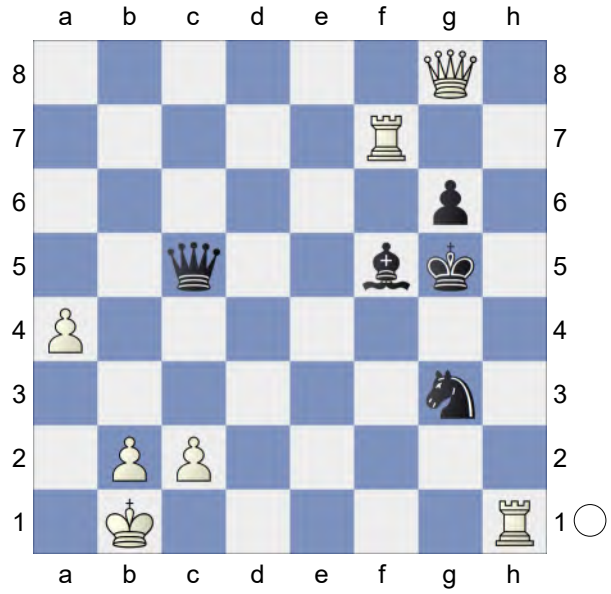
[Worse is 25.Qxa7 Qxh4 26.Qg1 Nxd5 *(26...Qxc4 27.dxe6 Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1=)* 27.Nxd5 Bxd5 *(27...Qxc4? 28.b3-+)* 28.Rgxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 Qxc4=]

[⌓25.b3! 1.59/19]

25...Rxh4± 26.Qxa7 Bc8 27.Rgg1↑ White is in control. **27...Rf4?** 3.25/19 Loses the game.

[27...Rh3± 1.30/20]

28.Rh1+- Qg3 29.Ne2 Qxf3 30.Nxf4 Qxf4 31.Qa5 Re8 32.Qc3 Bd7 33.Rd4 Qe5 34.Nc4 Qg5 35.Rdh4 Prevents Rh8 **35...Rg8 36.d6 exd6 37.Nxd6** White wants to mate with Rh7+. **37...Kf8 38.Nxb7 Be6 39.Qd4 Nh5 40.Nc5** Nxe6+ would now be deadly. **40...Bf5 41.a4 Ng3 42.Qd6+ Qe7 43.Qb8+ Kg7 44.Rh7+ Kf6 45.Qxg8 Qxc5 46.Rxf7+ Kg5**



47.Rxf5+! Nxf5 Endgame.

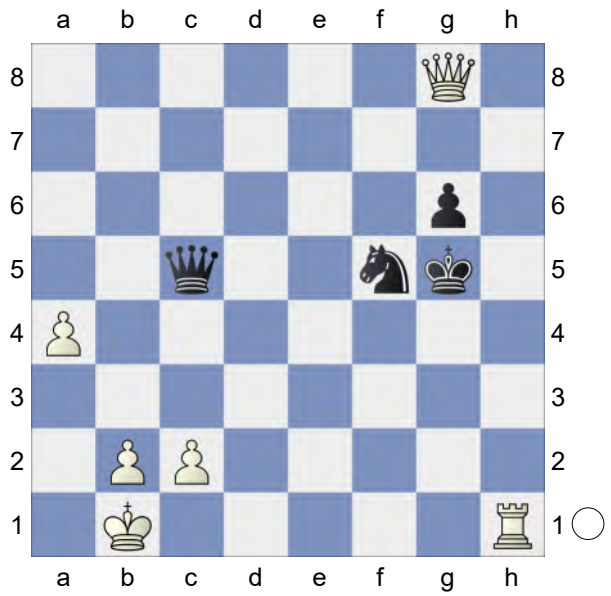
[47...Kxf5 48.Rd1]

(Diagram)

KQR-KQN **48.a5! Nd4**

[48...Qe3 49.Qd8+]

49.Rg1+ Kf4 50.Qxg6 Rg4+ would kill now. **50...Nf3 51.Qg4+ Ke3 52.Rg3 Kd2 53.Qf4+ Ke1 54.Rxf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /



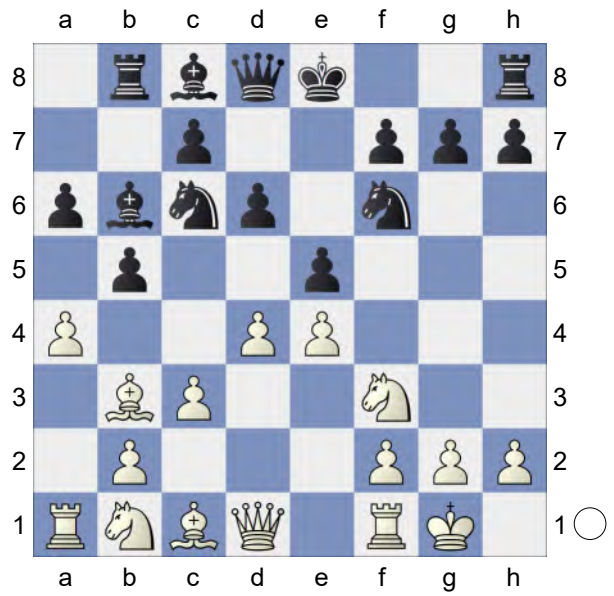
Black=0.30
1-0

C78
□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6**

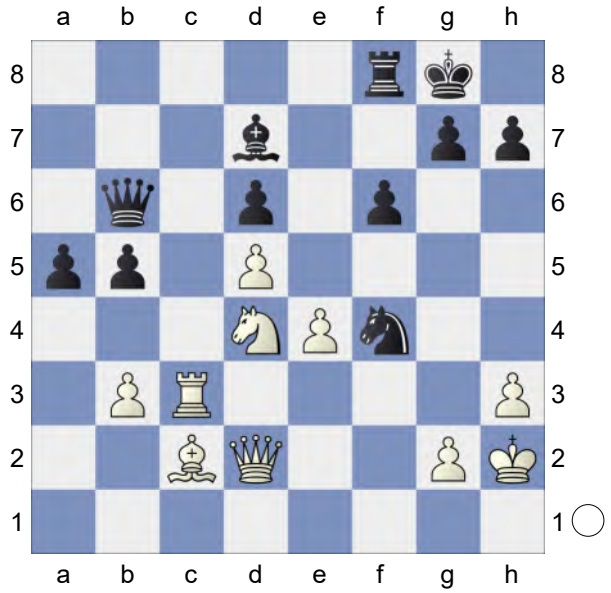
(Diagram)

10.a5! Ba7 11.h3 Dodges Bg4 **11...Bb7 12.Re1** White is slightly better. **12...0-0 13.Be3 exd4**
[13...Nxe4 14.d5±]
14.cxd4 Black must now prevent d5.
14...Nb4
[14...Nxe4? is the wrong capture. 15.d5+-]
15.d5 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 c5 17.Na3
[17.Nc3 Nd7 18.Qd2 Re8 19.Ne2 Qf6 20.Ng3 g6 21.Rae1 Qd8



22.Qc3 Rc8 23.Rd1 Qf6 24.e5 dxe5 25.Ne4 Qe7 26.d6 Qf8 27.Nxc5 Nxc5 28.Qxb4 Bxf3 29.Rxf3 Nxb3 30.Qxb3 Red8 31.Qd5 e4 1-0 Wohl,R (2732)-10.0-0 cd4 11. ♘e4 (2597) W-ch18 sf07 corr8994 ICCF corr 1989]
[17.Qd2 Re8 18.Nc3 Rc8 19.Bc2 Rc7 20.Ne2 Nd7 C 78/02-N,N _5569 2021]
17...Qxa5N
[17...Nd7 18.Nc2 Nxc2 19.Bxc2 Qf6 20.Rb1 Rbe8 21.Qd2 Re7 22.b4 Ne5 23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.bxc5 dxc5 25.Rg3 f6 26.f4 Qd6 Quickstarter Guide-Archangel with 10.a5 − 11.h]
18.Nc2 Qb6 19.Nxb4 cxb4 20.Qd2 a5 21.Bc2 White has compensation.
21...Nd7 22.Nd4 Ne5 23.Rg3 White threatens Rxg7+! and mate.
23...Bc8
[Worse is 23...Nc4 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Qf6+ *(26.Nf5 Qd4+-)* 26...Kg8 27.Nf5]
24.Kh2 0.00/27
[24.b3± 0.57/23]
24...Bd7 25.b3
[25.f4!? Nc4□ 26.Qf2∓]

25...Ng6 26.Rf1 Rbc8 27.f4 aiming for f5. **27...Rc3 28.Rff3 f6 29.Rxc3 bxc3 30.Rxc3 Nxf4!**



Deflection **31.Qxf4 Qxd4 32.Rc7 Rc8 33.Rxd7 Rxc2 34.Rxd6 Qe5 35.Qxe5 fxe5=** Endgame. KR-KR **36.Re6** And now Kg3! would win. **36...a4** The position is equal. **37.bxa4**

[37.Rxe5 simplifies axb3 38.d6 Rd2 39.Rxb5 Rxd6 40.Rxb3 Rd4 41.Re3]

37...bxa4 38.Rxe5 Hoping for Re7. **38...a3 39.d6**

[39.Re6 simplifies Rc4 40.Ra6 Rxe4 41.Rxa3 Rd4 42.Ra5]

39...Rd2 40.Ra5 Strongly threatening e5. **40...a2**

[40...Rxd6 simplifies 41.Rxa3 Rd4 42.Re3 g5]

41.d7 Deflection **41...Rxd7 42.Rxa2 Rd3 43.Kg1 Re3 44.Ra4 Re2 45.Kf1 Rb2 46.Ra1 Kf7 47.Re1 Ke6 48.Re2 Rb3 49.Kf2 Ke5 50.Re3 Rb7 51.Kg3 Rb6 52.Kf3 Rf6+ 53.Kg3 Rb6 54.Kf3 Rf6+ 55.Kg3 Rb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

C67

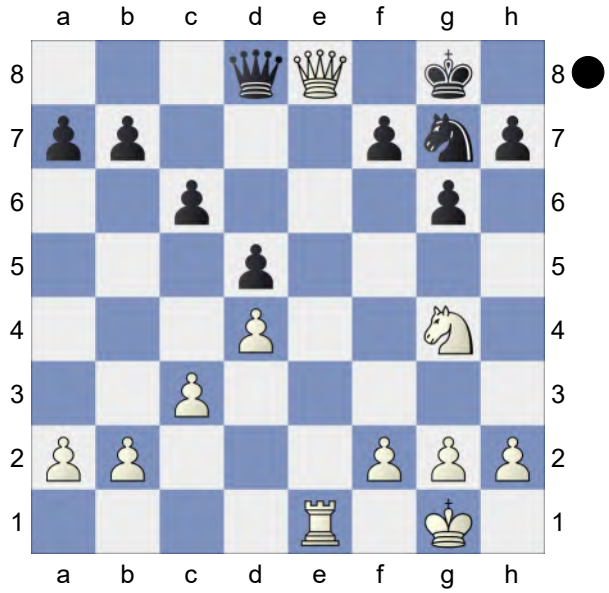
□ **Liang,Awonder 2677**

■ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.5)

[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8 11.c3 Rxe1 12.Qxe1** The position is equal. **12...Ne8 13.Bf4 d5 14.Bd3 g6 15.Nd2 Ng7 16.Qe2 c6 17.Re1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Nf3 Ng7 20.Be5 Ne6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Ne5 Re8 23.Ng4 Qd8 24.Qe5** aiming for Nf6+. **24...Ng7 25.Qxe8+**



Decoy **25...Nxe8 26.Rxe8+** Remove Defender **26...Qxe8 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Nxe8 Kxe8=** Endgame. KP-KP **29.f4 f5 30.Kf2 Kf7N**

[30...b5 31.b4 Kf7 32.h3 h6 33.h4 h5 10 Chapter Carlsen'S Campaign-Games Chapter Carlsen's Campaign Game]

31.Ke3 Ke6 32.Kd3 Kd6 33.Ke3 Ke6 34.Kd3 Kd6 35.Ke3 Ke6 A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.

01 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

B90

□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
■ **Shankland,Sam** **2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (2.6)
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5N**

[6...e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 *(8.a3 Bb7 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.Nb3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Kh1 Ne5 18.Nc1 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.d4 Qf5 22.Rf2 Rc7* Schweitzer,V (2235)-Lagarde,M (2412) Metz 2010 CBM 136 Extra [ChessBase II] 1-0 (36)*)* 8...Nbd7 9.g4 *(9.a3 h5 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Kb1 Be7 12.Rg1 Rc8 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Qe1 Nfd7 15.g4 hxg4 16.Rxg4 g6 17.Rxg6 Rxc3 18.Nxe6 Qc8 19.Ng7+ Kf8 20.Rh6 Rxh6 21.Bxh6 Rxc2 22.Nf5+ Ke8 23.Nxe7 Kxe7* Alekseenko,K (2698)-Vachier Lagrave, M (2767) Ekaterinburg 2020 CBM 202 [Edouard,Romain] ½-½ (33) *)* 9...b4 10.Na4 h6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Qxb4 Bd7 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Bg3 e5 15.Nb3 a5 16.Qa3 Be7 17.h4 0-0 14) 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 with 8.Qd2,9-6.f3 e6 7.Be3 with 8.Qd2,9]

[6...b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 e6 10.Qd2 Be7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4 Nb6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.b3 d5 16.f4 Ned7 17.Na2 dxe4 18.h4 Nd5 19.g6 hxg6 20.h5 g5 21.Rhg1 Darsith,M (1588)-Mahmoud Youssef, N (1674) Dubai 2023 1-0 (39)]

7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 h5 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Bf5 11.Qd2 White is slightly better. **11...Nd7 12.Na5 Rb8 13.Be2 Qh4+ 14.Bf2 Qf6 15.0-0 Be7 16.c4 Qg6 17.Be3 0-0 18.b4 Rfe8 19.Rac1 Bd8 20.Nb3 b6 21.c5** -0.29/21

[⌓21.Kh1 0.04/20]

21...bxc5= 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Nxc5 e4 0.73/22

[23...Nxc5= -0.12/21 24.Rxc5 Bd7]

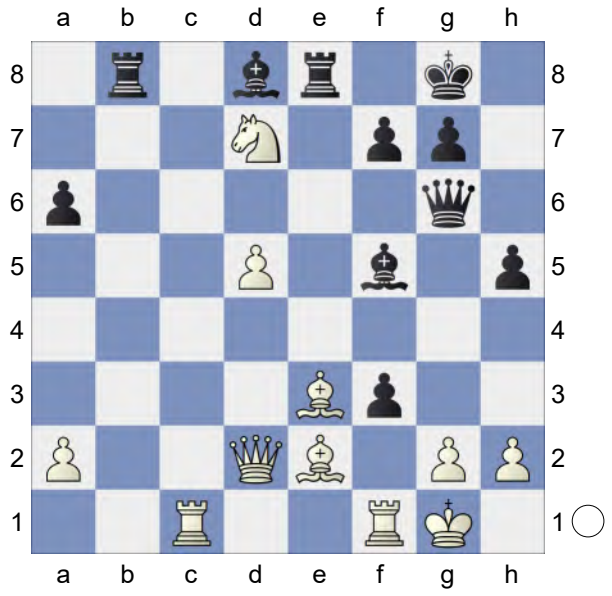
24.Nxd7 -0.32/24

[Reject 24.Nxa6 exf3 25.Rxf3 Rb1 26.Rxb1 Bxb1=]

[24.fxe4± 0.73/22 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Qxe4 26.Bf4!]

24...exf3 0.11/22

[24...Bxd7∓ -0.32/24 was preferrable. 25.fxe4 Qxe4]



25.Bxf3 -0.27/22

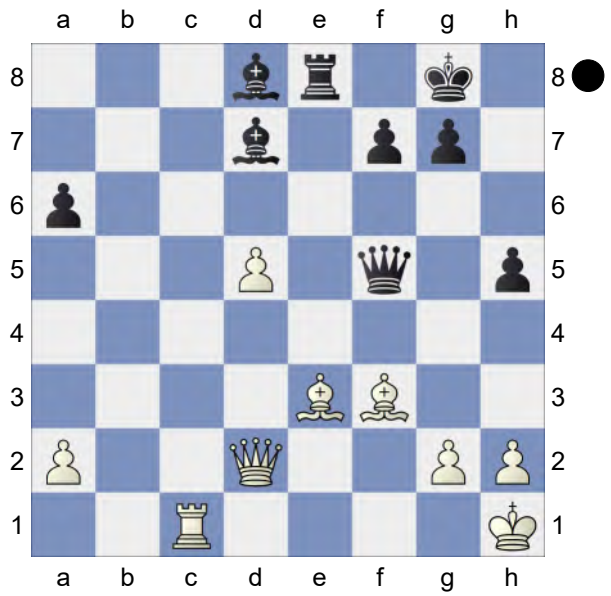
[⌓25.Rxf3! 0.11/22 Bxd7 26.Bd3]

25...Bxd7 26.Bf4 Rc8 27.Kh1 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 -0.58/23

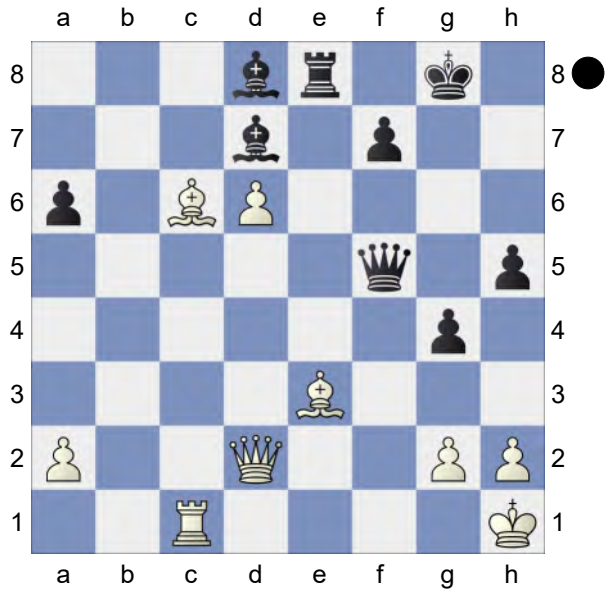
[28.Qxc1= -0.01/24 Bb5 29.Rd1]

28...Qf5!∓ 29.Be3

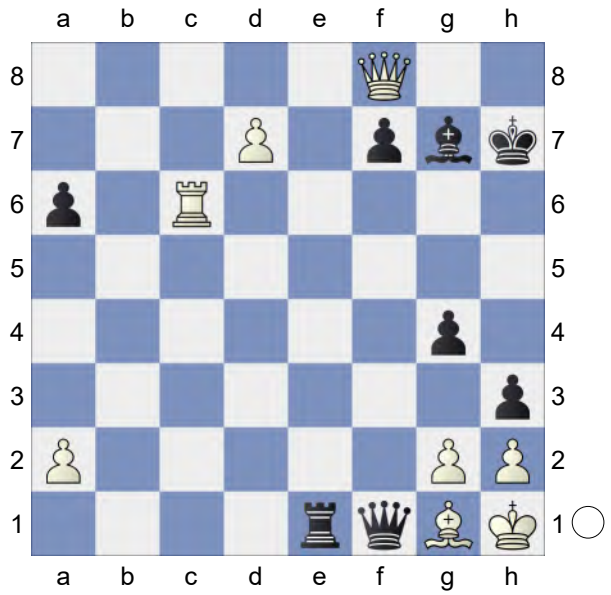
(Diagram)



g5! Hoping for ...g4. **30.d6** -1.00/24
[Not 30.Bxh5? g4 31.Bxg4 Qxg4-+]
[30.Bd4∓ -0.61/23]
30...g4∓ 31.Bc6 -6.88/23
[31.Bb7∓ -0.56/23]



31...Bxc6!-+ 32.Rxc6 Qf1+ 33.Bg1 aiming for Rc8. **33...Re2 34.Qd5 Bh4 35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Qd4+ Bf6 37.Qd5 Re1 38.Qc5 h4** (→ ...h3) **39.d7 h3 40.Qf8+ Kg6 41.Qg8+ Kh6** -7.06/29
[⌂41...Bg7 -#9/20 42.Rc6+ f6 43.Qe8+ Kh6 44.Rxf6+ Bxf6 45.Qf8+ Kg6 46.Qg8+ Bg7 47.Qf7+ Qxf7 48.d8Q hxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Qf3#]
42.Qf8+ Bg7 43.Rc6+ Kh7? 0.01/36
[43...f6-+ -6.71/28 44.Rxf6+ Qxf6]



44.Qg8+!= The position is equal.
44...Kxg8 45.d8Q+ Bf8
[45...Kh7!? 46.Qh4+ Kg8 47.Rc8+ Bf8 48.Qxg4+ Kh7 49.gxh3 Qf2=]
46.Qg5+ Bg7 47.Qd8+ Bf8
[47...Kh7!? 48.Qh4+ Kg8 49.Rc8+ Bf8 50.Qxg4+ Kh7 51.gxh3 Qf2=]
48.Qg5+ Bg7 49.Qd8+ Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/Black=0.34
½-½

D35
□ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Bf4N**

White has an edge.

[8.Nf3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Be5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Nf6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb3 15.axb3 Bd6 16.Nf3 a6 17.Rfc1 Ke7 18.Na4 Rag8 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.b4 h5 21.Nd2 h4 22.Ndb3 Nd7 Miranda Llanes,Y (2300)-Zwirs,N (2482) Maia 2022 ½-½ (66)]

[8.h3 Bd6 9.Nge2 h6 10.Bf4 Qe7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 Nh5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Rc1 f5 15.Nf4 Nxf4 16.exf4 Rae8 17.g3 Qb4 18.Bc2 Qxb2 19.Re3 Qb6 20.Rb1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Bf7 22.Bxf5 Nb6 Keymer,V (2693)-Luch,M (2364) Bydgoszcz 2022 1-0 (37)]

[8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nge2 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 h5 13.a3 h4 14.Nf5 Qf6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Nb5 Kb8 17.Nbd6 Nb6 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxf5 20.Nc5 Qf4+ 21.Kb1 Rxd4 22.g3 Qe5 Gavriel,A (1296)-Weber,Y (1628) Rishon Le Zion 2023 0-1 (31)]

[8.Nge2 h6 9.Bf4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.h4 Nxg3 12.Nxg3 gxh4 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Nb6 15.Qe2 Qg5 16.e4 Bb4 17.0-0 Kf8 18.Bh3 Qf4 19.Kh1 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxe4 21.Nxe4 Kg7 22.a3 Be7 Rademakers,E (2272) -Kobo,O (2544) Mayrhofen 2022 0-1 (47)]

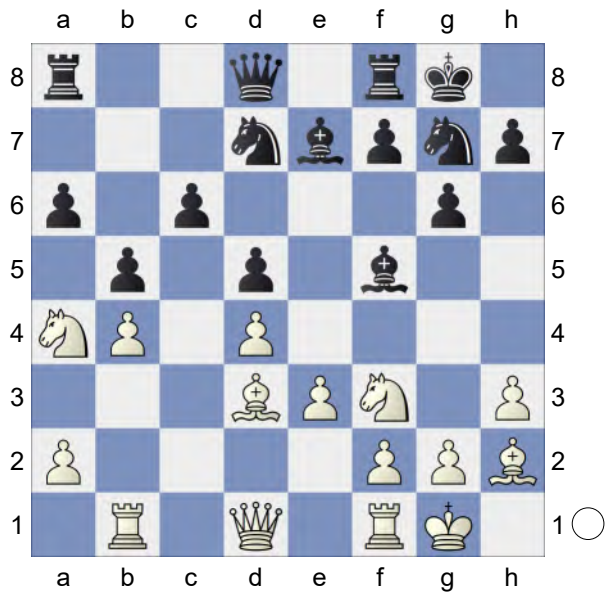
8...g6 9.h3 Nh5 10.Bh2 Be7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Ng7 13.Rb1 Bf5 14.b4 a6 Inhibits b5. **15.Na4 b5**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...Bxd3. **16.Nc5 Nb6 17.Ne5 Qc8 18.e4** -0.06/21

[18.a3 0.25/21 is superior.]

18...dxe4!= 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4



f6! 21.Nf3 a5 22.a3 -0.68/24

[22.a4!= 0.10/22]

22...axb4∓ 23.axb4 Nd5 24.Nc5 Re8 25.Qc2 -0.85/22

[25.Qb3∓ -0.44/20]

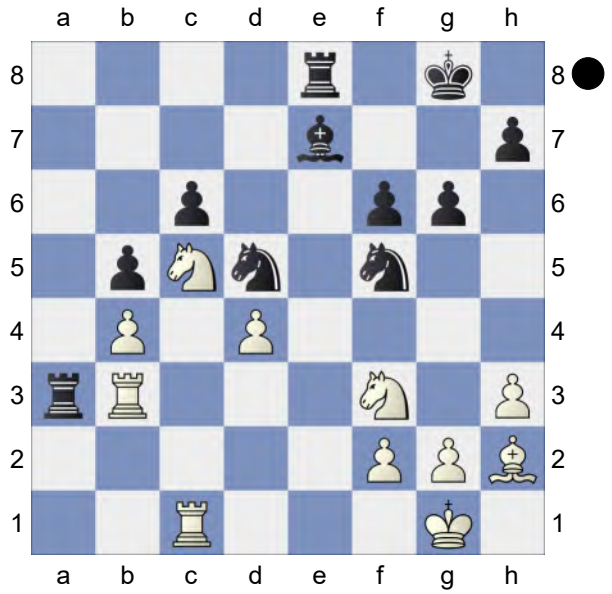
25...Ra3∓ White is now going downhill.

26.Rfc1 -1.56/22

[Better is 26.Rb3 -0.85/23 Qa8 27.Rbb1]

26...Qf5 27.Qxf5 Nxf5 28.Rb3 -1.93/22

[28.Nd7∓ -1.59/22 was necessary.]



28...Rea8!-+ 29.g4 Bxc5 30.Rxa3

Rxa3 31.Rxc5 Rxf3 32.gxf5 Endgame KRB-KRN **32...Rc3**
[32...Rxh3 33.Rxc6 Rd3 34.Rc5 Nxb4 35.Rxb5 *(35.Rc8+ Kg7∓)* 35...Rxd4 36.fxg6∓]
[32...Rxf5 33.Bd6∓]
33.fxg6 -2.65/29
[⊼33.Rxc3 -1.99/28 Nxc3 34.Kg2]
33...hxg6 And now ...Rxc5 would win.
34.Bd6 Rc4
[Worse is 34...Rxh3 35.Rxc6 Rd3 36.Rc5 Rxd4 37.Rxb5=]
35.Kg2 Kf7
[35...Rxd4 36.Rxc6 Kf7 37.Rc5∓]
36.Kf3 Ke6
[And not 36...Rxd4 37.Rxc6 g5 38.Ra6∓]
37.Bf8 Kd7
[Weaker is 37...Rxd4 38.Rxc6+ Kf7 39.Bd6∓]
38.Ke4 -4.60/25
[38.Rxc4 -2.96/25 was called for. bxc4 39.Ke2]
38...Rxb4 Black is clearly winning.
39.Rc1 -7.59/24
[⊼39.h4 -4.98/23 Rb2 40.Rc1]
39...Rb3 Strongly threatening ...f5+.
40.Rg1 Ke6 41.Rxg6 Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0. 30/Black=0.02 (flawless)
0-1

C50
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2741**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 Sevian,S (2698) - Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Pereira 2024 ½-½ (48)]
[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott,G (2110) Biel 2023 The Week in Chess 509 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 Part Chapter-Games Game 9 (39)]
6...0-0 7.Re1 a5 8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 Be6 The position is equal. **10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ba4 Bxc4 13.dxc4 Nh5 14.g4 Nf6 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 Qc8 17.Kh2** aiming for Bxf6. **17...Nh7**
[17...Bxf2? 18.Re2 Nxe4 19.Rxe4+-]
18.Rg1 Qe6 Against Bh6
[18...Bxf2 19.Rg2 Bc5 20.Bh6±]
19.Rg2 Ne7
[19...Qxc4 20.Bh6 Bxf2 21.Bxg7+-]
20.Bd2 Ng6

[20...Qxc4 21.Bh6 g6 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.Qc2±]

21.Qe2 Qf6 0.83/25

[21...Nf4± 0.49/23 was preferrable. 22.Bxf4 exf4]

22.Rg4± c6 23.Rag1 Kh8 24.Bc2 Bb6 1.21/22

[Better is 24...Rg8 0.79/22]

25.R1g2 Bd8 1.83/23

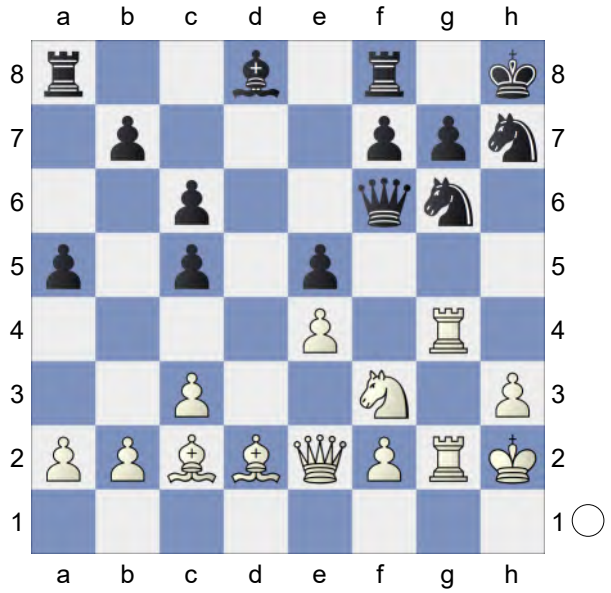
[25...Rae8± 1.03/21]

26.c5 0.98/21

[White should try 26.h4+- 1.83/23]

26...dxc5 1.68/23

[26...Qe6± 0.98/21]



27.h4!+- c4 28.h5 Ne7 29.Rxg7 Rg8 30.R7g3 b5 2.54/22

[⌂30...Rxg3 1.97/22 31.fxg3 *(31.Rxg3 Bb6±)* 31...Bb6]

31.Ng5 Nxg5 32.Bxg5

[Resist 32.Rxg5?! Bb6 33.Qg4 Raf8]

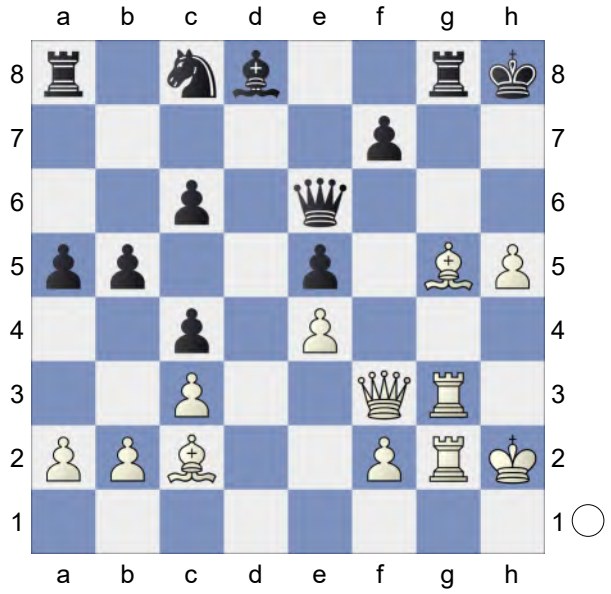
32...Qe6 4.72/25

[32...Rxg5 2.37/25 keeps fighting. 33.Rxg5 Bb6]

33.Qf3 And now Bf6+ would win.

33...Nc8? 10.17/26

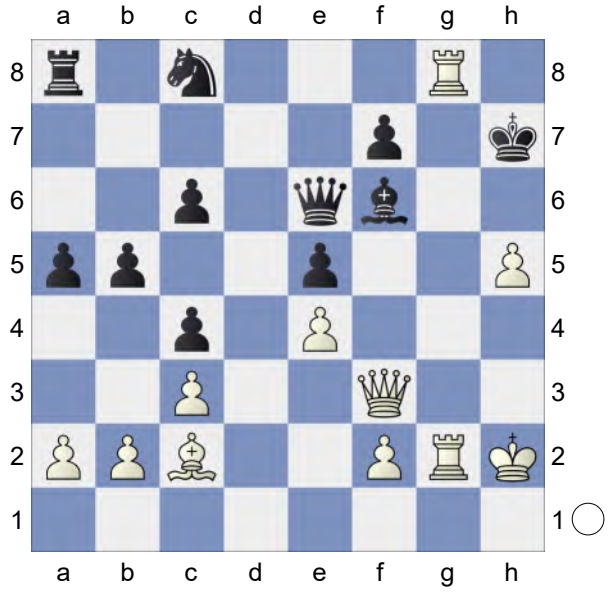
[33...Kh7 2.87/23 34.Qe3 c5 35.Qxc5 Nc6]



34.Bf6+! Bxf6

[34...Qxf6 35.Rxg8+]

35.Rxg8+ Kh7



36.Re8!! 15.23/25 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.49

1-0

C53

□ **Mishra,Abhimanyu 2630**
■ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

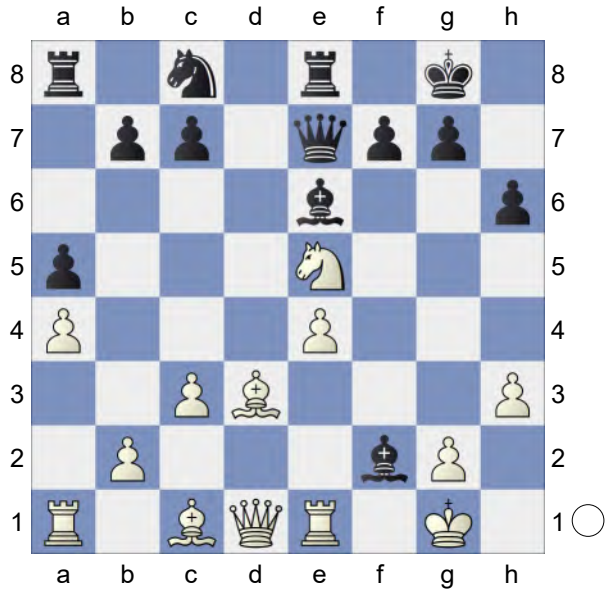
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 Willy,S (2159) -Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte 2022 0-1]

5...d6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic, Z (2536) Novi Sad 2003 CI1-130 [Ilincic,Zlatko] 0-1 (45) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2018 Juniors [Dragan Solak] 1-0 (45) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 (45) Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) Brest 2018 EXT 2019 [ChessBase II]]

6.0-0 a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb5 Nd7 11.Nf1 d5 12.Ne3 dxe4 13.dxe4 Re8 14.a4 Na7 15.Bd3 Nc8 16.Ng4 Qe7 17.Ngxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxf2+



Decoy **19.Kxf2** Black must now prevent Nf3. **19...Qc5+ 20.Be3 Qxe5 21.Qf3 Ne7 22.Bf4↑** White has the initiative. This bishop pair is nice. **22...Qc5+ 23.Qe3 Qxe3+ 24.Rxe3 Rac8 25.b4 Ng6 26.Bg3 Re7 27.bxa5 Ra8 28.Rb1 Rxa5 29.Rxb7** aiming for Bb5. **29...Rxa4 30.Rxc7 Rxc7 31.Bxc7 Bc4 32.Bxc4 Rxc4±** Endgame KRB-KRN **33.Bg3** 0.17/22

[33.Bb6± 0.67/24]

33...Ra4 0.82/23

[33...Nf8= 0.17/22 remains equal.]

34.Re2 0.37/24

[White should play 34.Bd6± 0.82/23]

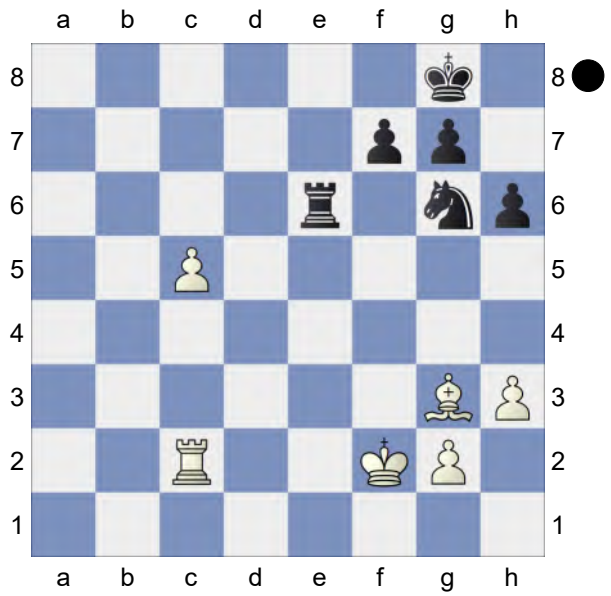
34...Rc4 35.Re3 Ra4 36.Re2 -0.01/21

[36.Bd6± 0.81/22]

36...Rc4= 37.Rc2! Rxe4 38.c4 Re6 39.c5

(Diagram)

And now c6 would win. **39...Ne7 40.Re2 Nc6 41.Bd6 h5 42.Rxe6 fxe6±** KB-KN **43.Ke3 Kf7 44.Ke4 g6 45.Kf4 Kf6 46.Ke4** 0.01/31



[46.Bc7± 0.58/31]

46...Kf7!= 47.Kf4 -0.01/27

[47.Bf4± 0.53/30]

47...Kf6 48.Ke4 0.01/27

[Better is 48.h4± 0.63/27]

48...Kf7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

C65

□ **Shankland,Sam** **2677**

■ **So,Wesley** **2751**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (3.5)

[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nbd2 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 Bb6 8.0-0 Ne7 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.a4N**

[12.Re1 Bf5 13.Qb3 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 Qd4 17.Be3 Qxe5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.Bc4 Bg6 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Nf5 22.Rc1 Kh8 23.Ree1 Rac8 24.Rc3 Nd4 25.Qxb7 Rb8 26.Qe7 Qxe7 Sahidi,S (2505)-Pechac,J (2611) Teplice 2023 1-0 (37)]

[12.Bd3 Bf5 13.Qe2 Nc6 14.Nxe4 *(14.Rd1 Bxd4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxe4 17.Nxd4 Qd5* 28 Chapter-Game Game*; 14.Nb3 f6 15.Be3 Qd7 16.Rac1* Svidler,P (2752) -L'Ami,E (2648) Warszawa 120/(114) 2013 [Atalik,Suat]*)* 14...dxe4 15.Bxe4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 Qxd4 18.Qxb7 Qxe5 Areshchenko,A (2709)-Kramnik,V (2784) Tromso (m/2) 120/(114) 2013 CI1-130 [Atalik,Suat]]

12...a5 13.Re1 Bf5 14.Ra3 -0.09/21

[14.Nxe4 0.27/21 deserves consideration. dxe4 15.Nh4]

14...c5 0.24/21

[14...Nc6 -0.09/21 is more appropriate.]

15.Nxe4= Bxe4 0.57/20

[15...dxe4= 0.24/23 16.Nd2 Qxd4]

16.Bg5 0.12/23

[16.Ng5± 0.57/20]

16...h6 17.Bh4 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Qc7 0.51/25

[18...Bc5= 0.06/23]

19.f3!± Bc2 20.Qd2 Bxd4+ 0.97/23

[20...Nf5± 0.49/23 21.Bf2 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 23.Qxd4 Rac8]

21.Qxd4± aiming for Rc3. **21...Nf5 22.Qf2** Rc3 is the strong threat. &Bianco is more active. **22...Nxh4 23.Rc3 Qe7** Strongly threatening ...Bh7.

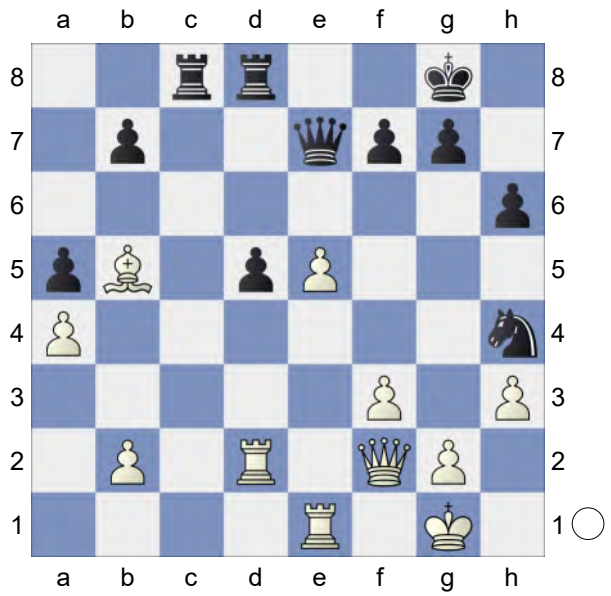
[23...Nxf3+? 24.gxf3 Qe7 25.Rxc2+-]

24.Rxc2 Rac8 25.Rd2 Rfd8

(Diagram)

26.f4! Qc5 27.e6 fxe6 28.Rxe6 Rf8 29.Kh2 Qb4 30.Rd4 0.72/26

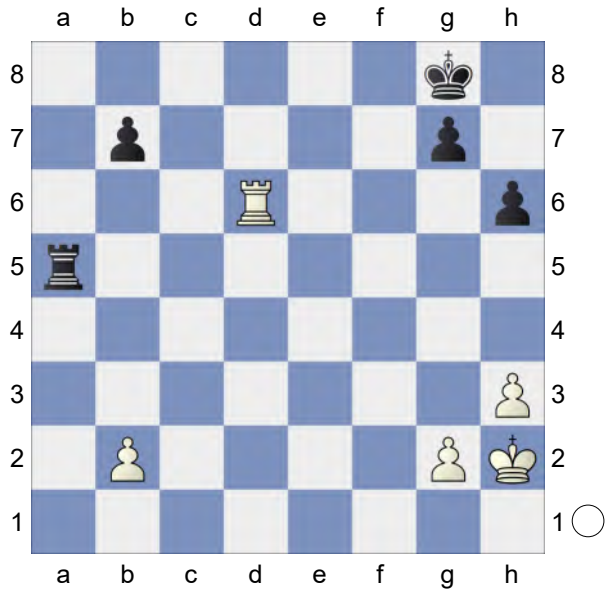
[⌓30.Rxd5 1.12/25 Rxf4 31.Qd2]



30...Rc2 31.Re2 Rxe2 32.Bxe2 Qb6 33.Bg4 Nf5 34.Bxf5 Rxf5± Endgame KQR-KQR **35.Qd2 Qd6** 0.88/24

[35...Qc7± 0.42/22]

36.Qxa5± Rxf4 37.Rxd5 Rxa4+ 38.Rxd6 Qd5+ would kill now. **38...Rxa5**



KR-KR **39.Rb6** Against Rb5 **39...Rd5 40.Rxb7 Rd2 41.h4** 0.65/26

[41.b4± 1.08/25]

41...h5 42.Kg3 Rd4! 43.Rb5 Rg4+ 44.Kh3! Rd4 45.b3 Rd3+ 46.Kh2 Rd4 47.Kg3 Rd3+ 48.Kf4 Rd4+! 49.Kg3 Rd3+! 50.Kf2! Rd4 51.g3 Rd3 52.b4 And now Rg5 would win. **52...Rb3 53.Ke2** 0.01/28

[53.Rb8+± 0.55/29 Kf7 54.Rb6]

53...Kf7 0.55/26

[Black should try 53...Rxg3= 0.01/28 54.Rxh5 Rg4]

54.Kd2 0.00/27

[54.Rf5+± 0.55/26 Ke6 55.Rxh5]

54...Ke6 0.54/26

[54...g6= 0.00/27]

55.Kc2 0.17/28

[55.Rg5± 0.54/26 Rxb4 56.Ke3 *(56.Rxh5 Rg4=; 56.Rxg7 Rb5±)*]

55...Rxg3= 56.Rxh5 Hoping for Rg5. **56...Rh3 57.b5 Kd6** The position is equal. **58.Kd2 g6 59.Rh6 Kc5 60.Ke2 Kxb5 61.Kf2 Kc6 62.Kg2 Ra3 63.h5 Kd6 64.Rxg6+ Ke7 65.h6** Black must now prevent h7. **65...Ra2+ 66.Kh3 Ra3+ 67.Rg3 Rxg3+ 68.Kxg3** Intending h7 and mate. **68...Kf7 69.h7 Kg7 70.h8B+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

C84

□ **Aronian,Levon 2738**

■ **Liang,Awonder 2677**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (3.6)

[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Bb7**

[9...Be6 10.Nd5 Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.f4 c5 15.Qg4 Qd7 16.f5 Rae8 17.Bd2 c4 18.h3 c3 19.bxc3 d5 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.Qxg5 dxe4 22.fxe6 Rxf1+

23.Rxf1 Qxe6 24.cxd4 10.Ba3 b6 11. ba5 Nh5_7469 (2772)-Molina, R (2853) corr ICCF 2016 200 Traps In The Opening [List,Paul M] ½-½ (34)]

10.Bg5N

[10.Bd2 Qd7 11.a4 Nd8 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Bxa8 14.Ne2 Ne6 15.Ng3 c5 16.Nf5 Bd8 17.c4 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Bc7 19.Re1 Re8 20.Qc1 Nh5 21.g3 g6 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.Ng5 Nxg5 24.Bxg5 d5 Chapter Middlegames-Games Game 4 (48) 25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Ng4 Bf3 27.Bf6+ Kg8 28.Nh6+ Kf8 29.Qe3 Bb7 30.Bh4 Qh3 31.f3 Nf4 32.gxf4 Qxh4 33.Nxf7 Bxf3 34.Qf2 Qg4+ 35.Qg3 exf4 36.Rxe8+ Kxe8 37.Qxg4 Bxg4 38.Ng5 h6 39.Nf7 h5 Chapter Games-Games Game - 5 (48)]

[10.Nd5 h6 11.c3 Qd7 12.Ne3 Nd8 13.Nh4 Ne6 14.Nhf5 Kh7 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Nf5 Qd7 17.Qf3 Ng8 18.Qg3 Rad8 19.f4 g6 20.Nxh6 Nxh6 21.f5 Nf4 22.Rxf4 exf4 23.Qxf4 Nxf5 24.exf5 Qxf5 Roebers,E (2315)-Rohit,K (2472) Riga 2024 0-1]

10...Qd7 11.Re1 Rfe8 12.Ba2 h6 The position is equal.

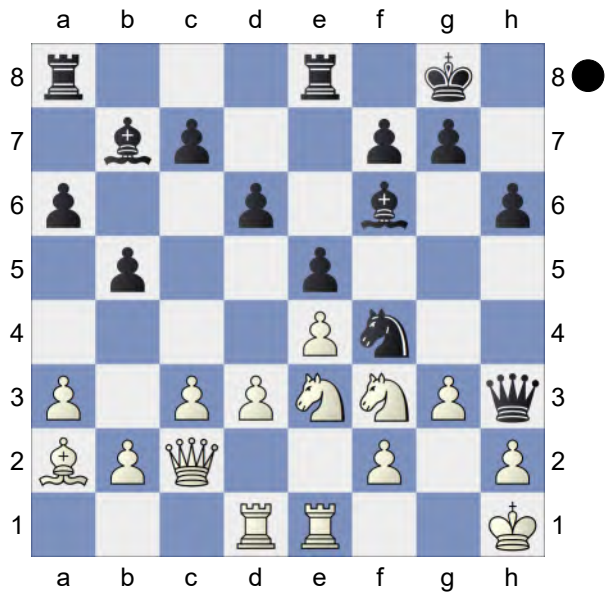
[12...Nd4 is more complex. 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Ne2 Qg4]

13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.c3 Ne7 16.Ne3 Ng6 Prevents Nh4. **17.Qc2 Bf6 18.Rad1 Nf4 19.g3 Qh3 20.Kh1**

[20.Qb3 d5 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 *(22.Nxd4 c5∓)* 22...Rxe4∓]

(Diagram)

20...Qh5! 21.Ng1 Ne6 22.f3 Rad8 23.Qf2 Bg5 24.d4



[24.Nd5 keeps more tension. Rc8 25.Kg2 c5 26.Ne2]

24...Bxe3 25.Rxe3 exd4 26.cxd4 d5 27.e5 c5 28.Ne2 Rc8 29.Nf4 -0.62/21

[29.g4= -0.21/21 is more appropriate. Qg5 30.h4]

29...Nxf4∓ 30.gxf4 cxd4 31.Red3 Rc4 32.Rg1 -1.02/21

[32.Bb3∓ -0.70/21]

32...Re6 33.Bb1 Rec6 34.Rdd1 d3 35.f5 -1.39/25

[⚟35.Rxd3 -0.99/25 Rxf4 36.Qg3 *(36.Rxd5? Rc8-+)*]

(Diagram)

35...Rf4 -0.98/26 &Nero is more active.

[35...Qxf5?! 36.Bxd3 Qc8 37.Bxc4 dxc4 38.Qd4=]

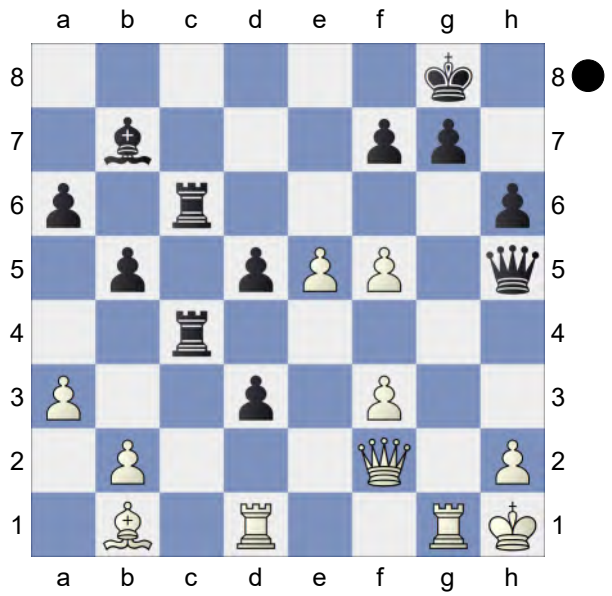
[⚟35...Rc2! -1.39/25 36.Qg3 g5]

36.Bxd3∓ Qxf3+ 37.Qxf3 Rxf3 38.f6 g5 39.Rge1 -1.35/24

[⚟39.Rgf1 -0.73/23 Rh3 40.Kg2 *(40.Bf5 Rb3∓)*]

39...Rf2 40.Kg1 Rxb2 41.Rc1 Rb3 42.e6 Threatening mate with e7.

42...fxe6 -0.27/28

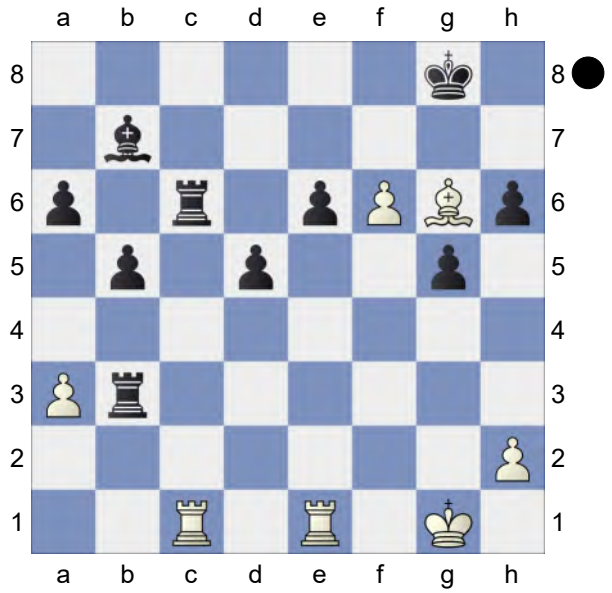


[42...Rxd3 43.e7 Re3 44.e8Q+ Rxe8 45.Rxe8+ Kh7 46.Rxc6 Bxc6 47.Rd8=]

[42...Rxc1∓ -0.99/29 43.Rxc1 fxe6]

43.Bg6? -2.89/27

[43.Rxc6= -0.27/28 and White has nothing to worry. Bxc6 44.Bg6]



43...Rxc1? -0.91/26

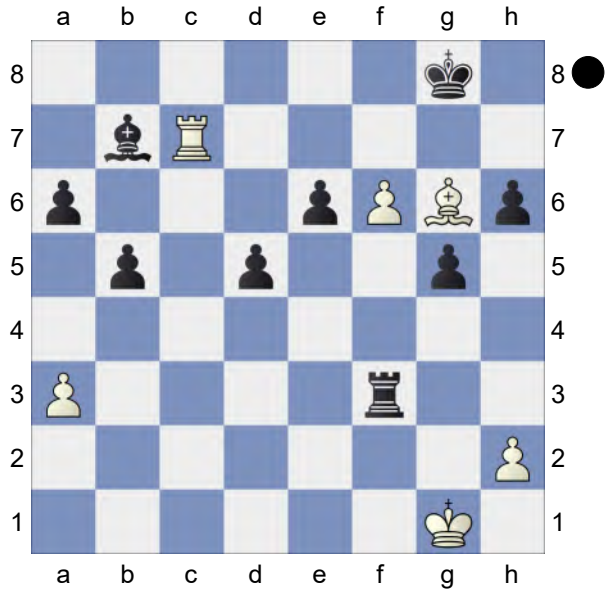
[43...Rxa3 44.Rxc6 Bxc6 45.Rxe6+-]

[43...Re3!-+ -2.89/27 and Black stays clearly on top. 44.Rxe3 Rxc1+ 45.Kf2 Rc6]

44.Rxc1-+ Endgame KRB-KRB **44...Rf3**

[44...Rxa3?! 45.Rc7 Ra1+ 46.Kf2=]

45.Rc7



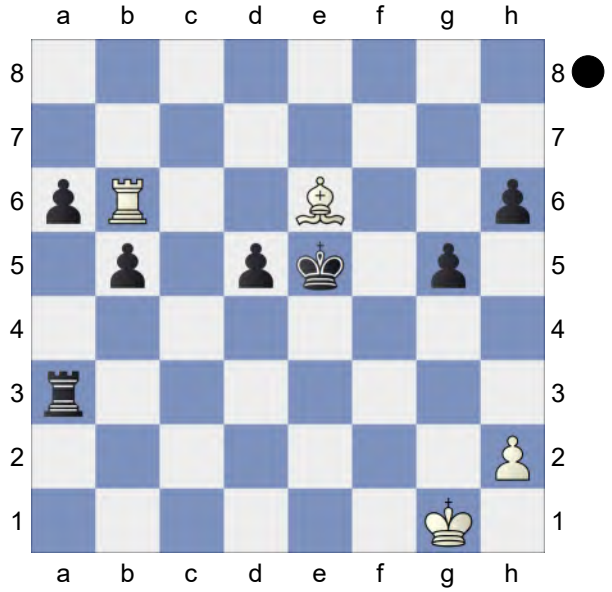
Rxf6 46.Bh7+ Kf8 47.Rxb7∓ KRB-KR

47...Rf7 48.Rb8+ Kg7 49.Bd3 -1.60/23

[⌓49.Bg8 -0.98/25 Re7 50.Kf2]

49...Rf3∓ 50.Be2 Rxa3 51.Bg4 Kf6 52.Rb6 Ke5 53.Bxe6 -2.03/23

[53.Kf2∓ -1.57/22]



53...Rf3 -0.66/24

[Black should try 53...b4!-+ -2.03/23

White must now prevent ...b3. 54.Bd7 a5 55.Rxh6 a4]

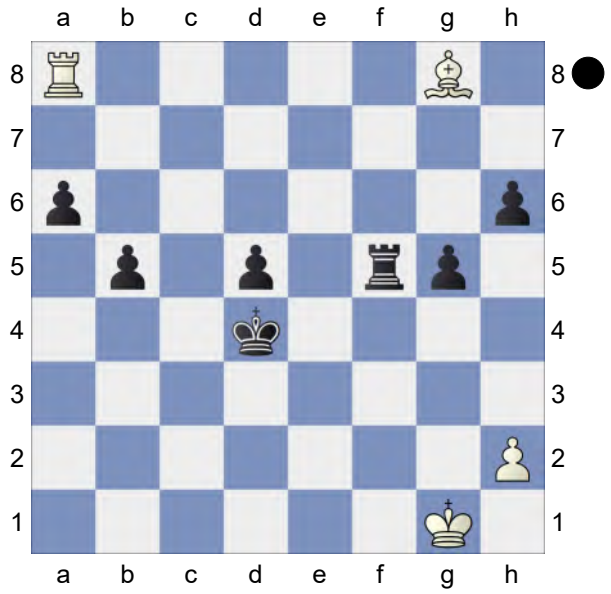
54.Bg8 -1.48/25

[Better is 54.Bc8∓ -0.66/24]

54...Rf6 55.Rb8 Kd4 -0.46/25

[55...d4∓ -1.19/22 Threatens to win with ...Ke4. 56.Re8+ Kd6]

56.Rd8∓ Rf5 57.Ra8!



Rf6 0.01/19

[57...b4!∓ -0.90/23 ...Rf6 is the strong threat. 58.Rxa6 Rf8]

58.Rd8= Kc3 59.Rxd5 b4 -0.28/25

[Black should play 59...Rg6∓ -0.71/23 60.Rd8 a5]

60.Rc5+ Kb2 Black has compensation. **61.Kg2 b3** Strongly threatening ...Ka3. **62.Ra5 Kc3 63.Ra3 Rb6 64.Kf2**

[64.Bxb3? Kb2 65.Ra4 Kxb3-+]

64...h5 65.Ke2 g4 66.Ra4! Kc2 67.Bf7 Rc6 Hoping for ...b2. **68.Bd5** -1.04/27

[68.Rd4!∓ -0.35/26]

68...Rd6∓ 69.Rc4+ Kb2 70.Bf7 Ka3 Against Rb4 **71.Rc1?** -3.03/27

[White has to play 71.Rc3∓ -0.51/24 Rb6 72.Rg3 *(72.Bxh5? Kb4-+)*]

71...Rf6-+ 72.Bd5 Rd6? -0.01/22

[72...Rf5-+ -3.21/23 73.Be4 Re5 74.Ra1+ Kb4]

73.Bf7= Rf6? 0.01/20

[73...b2-+ -1.92/24 74.Rc3+ Ka4]

74.Bd5! Rf5 75.Bg8 a5 76.Kd3 a4 77.Bh7? -6.28/22

[77.Kc4 -3.59/22 Rf8 78.Be6]

77...Rf2 78.Kc3 Rf3+ 79.Kc4 Rf7 80.Ra1+ Kb2 81.Rb1+ Ka2 82.Bg6 Rf6 83.Bh7 Rf7? 0.01/19

[83...b2-+ -3.97/26 aiming for ...Rc6+. 84.Kb4 Rf4+ 85.Kc3 Ka3]

84.Bg6 Rf4+ 85.Kc3 Rf6 86.Bh7 Rf7 87.Bg6 White wants to mate with Rb2+.

87...Rg7? -1.27/28

[87...Rb7-+ -3.64/25 And now ...b2 would win. 88.Rb2+ Ka3]

88.Bf5∓

[Not 88.Rb2+? Ka3 89.Rb1 Rc7+ 90.Kd2 Kb4-+]

88...Rc7+ 89.Kb4 b2 -1.49/26

[89...Rf7-+ -2.65/26 90.Bg6 Rf4+ 91.Kc3 Rf6]

90.Re1? -5.07/28

[90.Rg1∓ -1.49/26 Rc1 91.Rg3 b1Q+ 92.Bxb1+ Kxb1 93.h3]

90...Rc1 Black is clearly winning. **91.Re3** -7.73/29

[⌓91.Re2 -4.29/24 Rf1 92.Bc2]

91...b1Q+-+ 92.Bxb1+ Kxb1 93.Kxa4 KR-KR **93...Kc2 94.Kb4 Kd2 95.Re5 h4 96.Re4 Rg1 97.Kc4 h3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.19 (very precise)

0-1

D31
□ **So,Wesley** **2751**
■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.g3** White has an edge. **8...cxd4**

[8...c4 9.Bg2 h6 10.0-0 Bf5 11.Be5 Ne4 12.Nf4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Be4 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Qb1 Qd7 16.Qxe4 0-0-0 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Qxe5 h5 19.h4 Bd6 20.Qxg7 Bxf4 21.exf4 Rhg8 22.Qe5 Qh3 23.Qe4 Blohberger,F (2527)-Breneis,L (2267) Linz 2024 1-0 (32)]

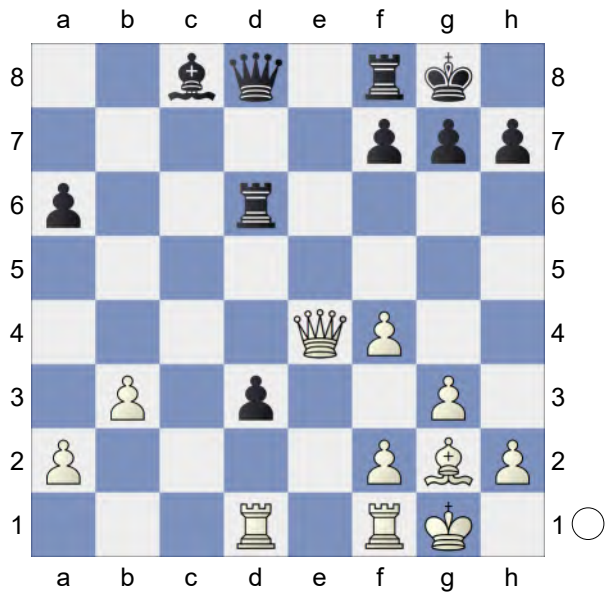
9.Nxd4 Bc5N

[9...Bg4 10.Qd3 *(10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qa4 Bd7 12.Bg2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0* Quickstarter-3.Nc3 / 5.Bf4 (Aggressive Opt *)* 10...Bc5 11.Bg2 Bxd4 12.exd4 Qe7+ 13.Be3 0-0 14.0-0 Qd7 6. The Delayed Nf3 − 4.cxd5-The Delayed Nf3 − 4.cxd5 ex]

10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Qa4 Rb8 14.b3 Rb4! 15.Qxc6 Rb6 16.Qa8 Bxf4 17.exf4 d4 18.Rad1 Rd6! 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 d3

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...Re8. **21.Rd2 Re8 22.Qf3 Bf5 23.h3 g6 24.Qd1 h5 25.g4! hxg4 26.hxg4 Bc8 27.Qf3 Qd7 28.Rfd1 Rd8 29.f5 gxf5 30.Qe3 fxg4 31.Be4 Qe6 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Rxd3 Rxd3 34.Qxd3 Qf6 35.b4 Be6 36.a3 Qf4 37.Qe3** 0.05/24

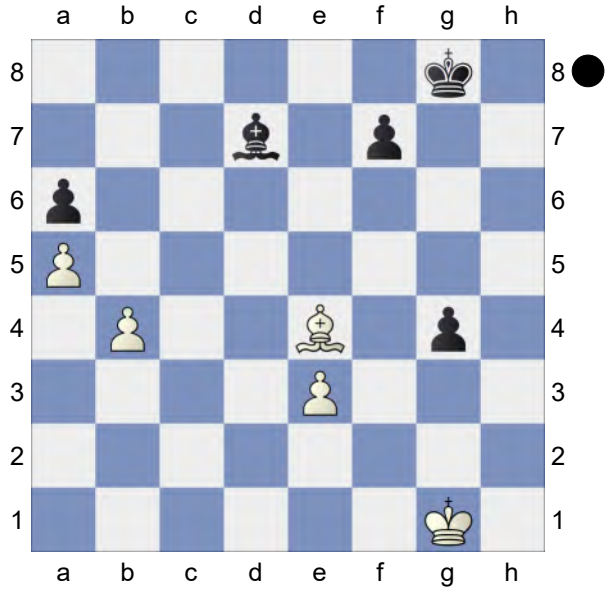


[37.a4± 0.48/22]

37...Qxe3= 38.fxe3 Endgame next Bb7 is good for White. KB-KB **38...Bc8** 0.52/33 Inhibits Bb7.

[Black should play 38...f5= 0.01/33 39.Bd3 Bc8]

39.a4± Bd7 Inhibits b5. **40.a5!**



And now Bd3 would win. **40...Bc8 41.Bd3** b5 is the strong threat. **41...Kf8 42.b5 axb5 43.Bxb5 Ke7! 44.a6 Kd6 45.Bf1 Kc7 46.a7** The position is equal. **46...Bb7 47.Bg2 Bxg2 48.Kxg2=** KPP-KPP **48...Kb7 49.e4 Kxa7**

50.Kg3 Kb6 51.Kxg4 Kc5 52.Kg5 Kd4 (→ ...Ke5) **53.Kf6 Kxe4 54.Kxf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

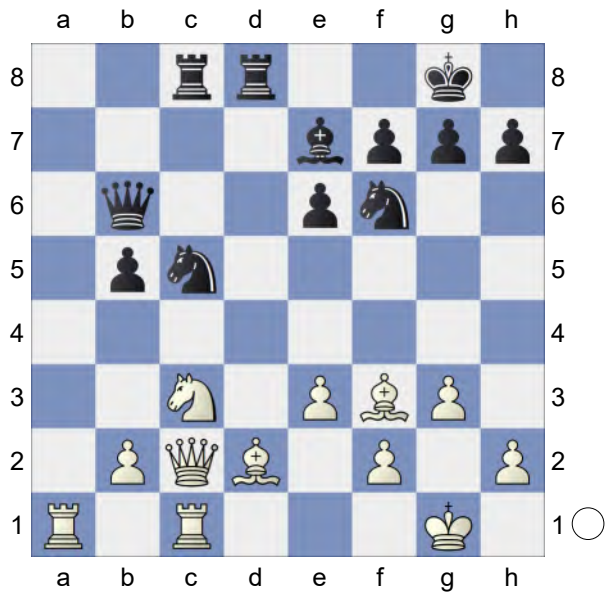
A14
□ **Shankland,Sam 2677**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (4.2)
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Bd2 Be4 11.Qc1 c6 12.a4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Bxf3N** 0.34/20

[13...Bg6!= -0.07/23 should be considered. 14.Nh4 Bh5 15.h3 b4 *(15...Nd5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.e4 Nb4 19.Bg5 Qd8 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Qe3 Rd8 22.Rc1 Nf8 23.Bf3 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Nd7 25.Kg2 h6 26.h4 Nb6 27.b3 Nd7 28.Rd1 Ra8 29.Qe2 Nf6 30.Ne5* Caruana,F (2828)-Dominguez Perez,L (2739) USA (ch) 141/(167) 2019 Chess Informant 141 [Pikula,Dejan] (34) *)* 16.Na2 c5 17.g4 b3 18.gxh5 bxa2 19.h6 g6 20.Bxa8 Qxa8 21.Nf3 Qd5 22.dxc5 Nxc5 23.Bg5 Nce4 24.Rd1 Qf5 25.Qf4 Qxh3 26.Rd3 Nxg5 27.Nxg5 Qh5 28.Nf3 Nd5 Yuffa,D (2597) -Narayanan,S (2662) Sharjah 153/(172) 2022 Chess Informant 153 [Stoica, Valentin]]

14.Bxf3± Qb6 15.e3 Rac8! 16.axb5 axb5 17.Qc2 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Rfc1 Rfd8

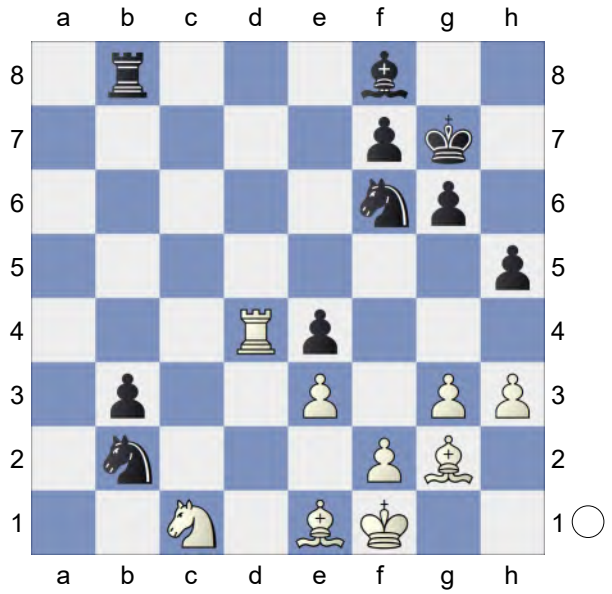
(Diagram)



aiming for ...Nd3. **20.Ne2 b4 21.Be1 e5 22.Qc4 Rb8 23.Rd1 Rdc8 24.Rac1 g6 25.Bg2 Kg7 26.Qa2 h5 27.h3 Bf8 28.Kf1 Qb5 29.Qc4 Qb6 30.Qa2 Qb5 31.Qc4 Qa4** -0.11/19

[31...Qa5!∓ -0.44/22]

32.Ra1= The position is equal. **32...Qb3 33.Qxb3 Nxb3 34.Rab1 Rd8 35.Ng1 e4 36.Ne2 Rxd1 37.Rxd1 Nc5 38.Nc1 Na4 39.Rd2 b3 40.Rd4! Nxb2**



And now ...Bc5 would win. **41.Bc3 Ba3** Strongly threatening ...Kh7. **42.Bxe4 Kg8** White must now prevent ...Nd1!

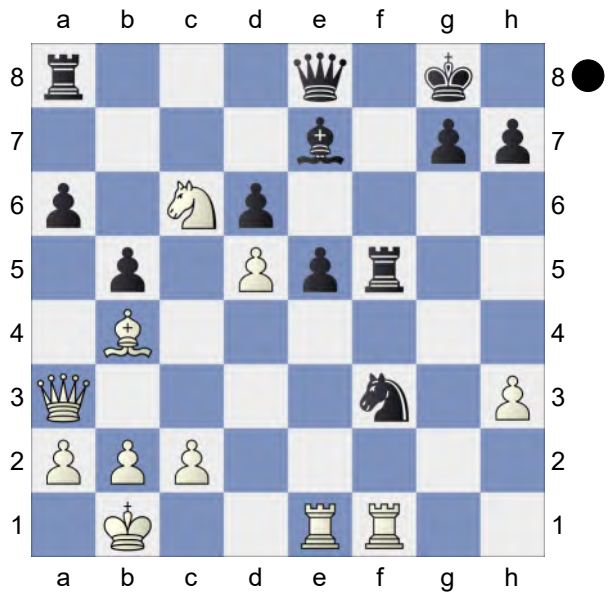
[42...Rc8!? 43.Ne2 Nc4=]
43.Bb1 Rc8 44.Ne2 Ne8 45.Bxb2 Bxb2 46.Rb4 Rd8 47.Ke1 Be5 48.Rxb3 Nf6 49.f4 Rb8 50.Rxb8+ Bxb8 Endgame KBN-KBN **51.Kf2 Ba7 52.Kf3 Nd5 53.e4 Nc7 54.e5 Kg7 55.f5 gxf5 56.Bxf5 Nd5 57.Ke4 Ne7 58.h4 Bf2 59.Bd7 Ng6 60.Kf5 Bb6 61.e6 fxe6+ 62.Kg5 Nf8 63.Bc8 Nh7+ 64.Kf4**
[Much weaker is 64.Kxh5 Nf6+ 65.Kg5 Be3+ 66.Nf4 e5∓]
64...Bc7+ 65.Kf3 e5 66.Nc3 Nf6 67.g4 hxg4+ 68.Bxg4 e4+ 69.Nxe4 Nxe4 70.Kxe4 Bd8 71.Bc8 Bxh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

B90
□ **Liang,Awonder** **2677**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

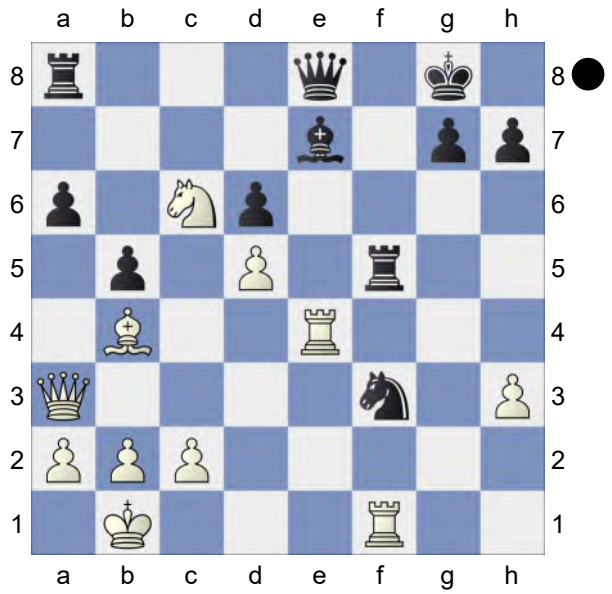
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Qf3N**
[8.Be3 Nc6 *(8...Be7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Nc6 11.Qe2 Ne5 12.0-0-0 Nfd7 13.Kb1 Rc8* #3 Lesson 49: Najdorf 6.Bc4 & 6.-Najdorf 6.h3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 *)* 9.Qf3 Rc8 10.0-0-0 Nb4 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.a3 Nxc2 13.Kxc2 Qc6 14.Nd2 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nc4 Nxc3 17.Qxc6+ Rxc6 18.bxc3 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Rd5 Be7 21.Rb1 Rc7 22.Rxe5 0-0 Chapter B50-Games Game 23 (69)]
[8.f4 Nbd7 *(8...Qc7 9.Qf3 Be7 10.g4 h6 11.Rg1 exf4 12.Bxf4 Nc6 13.0-0-0 Ne5 14.Qg3 Nfd7 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Rc8 17.Rg2 g6 18.Kb1 h5 19.c3 hxg4 20.hxg4 Kf8 21.Nd4 b5 22.Rh2 Rg8 23.Rh7* Mohr,G (2407)-9.Re1 Bf5 10. Qb3_69099 (2353) Wijk aan Zee 2023 Chess Today CT-735 [John Watson] 1-0 (31)*; 8...g6 9.g4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Nh5 11.Be3 Ng3* #8 Lesson 49: Najdorf 6.Bc4 & 6.-Najdorf 6. h3 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 *)* 9.g4 Rc8 10.f5 Bxb3 11.axb3 d5 12.exd5 Bb4 13.Bg2 Qb6 14.Bd2 e4 15.Qe2 0-0 16.0-0-0 Nc5 17.Kb1 Rfd8 18.Rhe1 a5 19.Qf2 Qc7 20.Bf4 Qb6 21.Be5 a4 22.bxa4 Bxc3 Anand,V (2792)-Carlsen,M (2863) Sochi 2014 [Arsovic, Goran] (33)]
8...Be7 9.Bd2 0.01/22
[9.Be3± 0.33/21]
9...0-0= The position is equal. **10.0-0-0 b5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bc8 13.Ba5 Qe8 14.Kb1 f5 15.Bb4 Nd7 16.Na5 Nf6 17.Qa3** -0.07/20
[⊿17.c4 0.26/21]
17...Ne4! 18.Rg1 -0.32/22
[18.Be1= 0.01/21]
18...Nxf2∓ 19.Re1 Ne4 20.Bd3 Rf6↑ Black is more active. **21.g4** -0.80/22
[21.Nc6∓ -0.35/21]
21...Ng5∓ aiming for ...Nf3. **22.Bxf5** -1.20/23
[Better is 22.Be2∓ -0.59/20]
22...Bxf5 23.gxf5 Rxf5 Hoping for ... Nf3. **24.Nc6** -2.74/21 White does not recover from this.
[24.Ref1∓ -1.36/22 was necessary. Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1]
24...Nf3-+ 25.Rgf1

(Diagram)

e4 26.Rxe4? -4.89/24



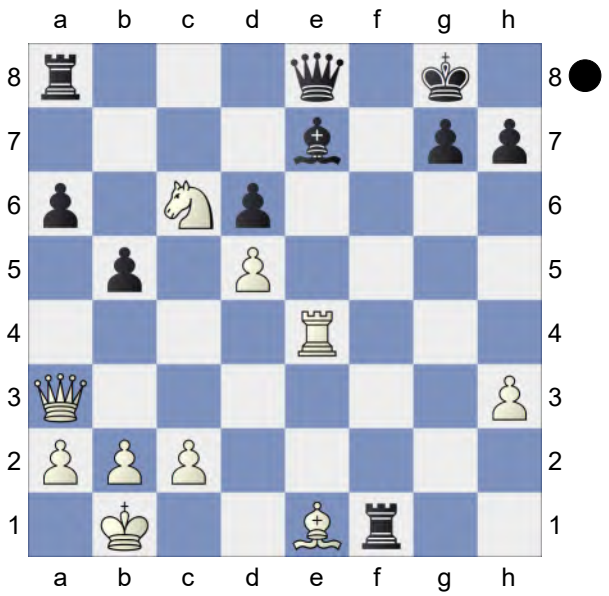
[26.Qe3 -3.03/20 might work better. Bh4 27.Rd1 *(27.Qxe4? Nd2+ 28.Bxd2 Qxe4-+)*]



26...Nd2+! Black is clearly winning.
27.Bxd2 Rxf1+ 28.Be1 -7.00/23
[⌓28.Re1 -4.93/23 Rxe1+ 29.Bxe1]

(Diagram)

28...Bh4! Weighted Error Value:



White=0.42/Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

C11
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2738**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (4.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 Inf 67/ (368) **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.Be2 cxd4N**

[9...Qb6 10.0-0 *(10.Nd1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc5 13.c3 a5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Ne3 b4 16.Rf3 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.f5 bxc3 19.bxc3 Bxd4 20.cxd4 f6 21.fxe6 Qxe6 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.Rxf6 Nxf6 24.Rb1 Rb6* Sorokin,M (2144)-10.a3 f5 11.Nc3 Nc7 (1817) Buenos Aires 2023 CT-1677 [John Watson] 1-0 (34) *)* 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.Rad1 Bb7 13.Bf2 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Rc8 15.Bf2 Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 0-0 17.a3 Qc5 French-8.Qd2 b5 9.Be2

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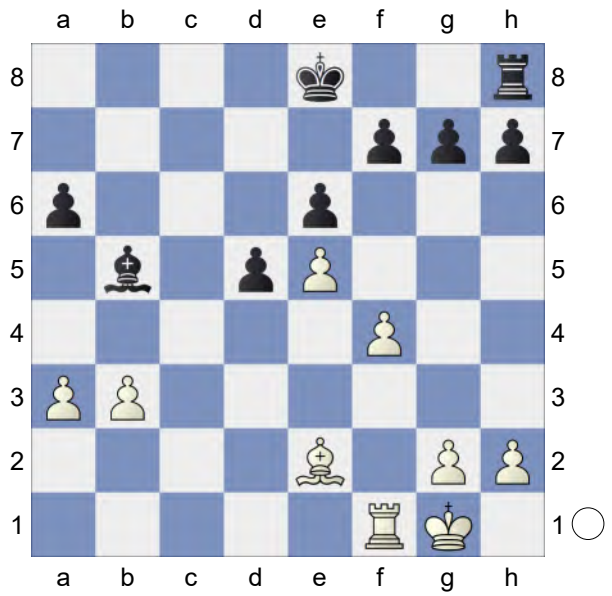
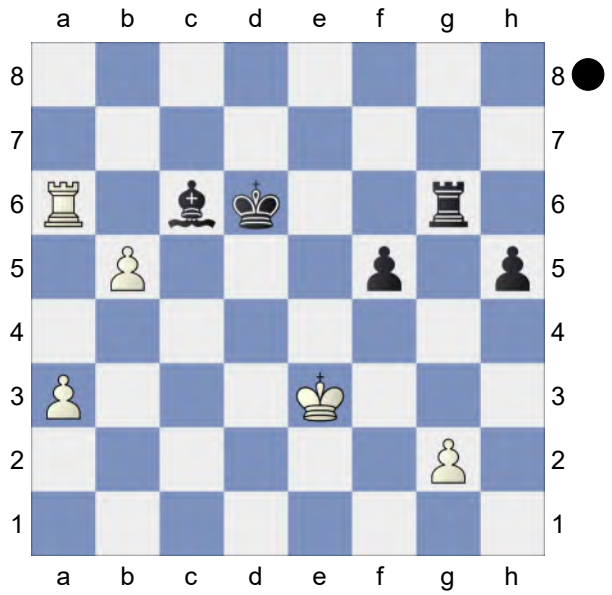
[9...Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 Rb8 12.Kh1 Qc7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.b4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bb7 18.c3 Bd5 19.Qe3 Qc6 20.g4 f5 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Bc5 Rf7 23.Rad1 Be7 24.Bxe7
4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 (2791)-Chaudagne,C (2642) DDR 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] ½-½ (36)]
[9...b4 10.Na4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qe3 a5 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Rac1 Qb8 19.Qd3 Qb7 20.Qc4 Reefat,S (2465)-Bareev,E (2655) Yerevan (ol) 1996 Informant 67 [RR]]
10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc5 White is slightly better. **12.Bxc5 Nxc5 13.Qd4 Qb6** 0.64/25
[13...Qh4+= 0.25/24 deserves consideration. 14.g3 Qe7]
14.a3 0.19/25
[14.b4± 0.64/25 Na4 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.a4]
14...Rb8 The position is equal. **15.0-0 Na4 16.Qxb6 Rxb6 17.Nxa4 bxa4 18.Rab1 Bd7 19.b3 axb3 20.Rxb3 Rxb3 21.cxb3=** Endgame KRB-KRB **21...Bb5**

(Diagram)

22.Rc1! Kd7 23.Bf3 Rf8 24.Kf2 f6 25.exf6 Rxf6 26.Ke3 h6 27.h4 Bc6 28.Rc5 Kd6 29.Ra5 Bb7 30.h5 g6 31.hxg6 Rxg6 32.b4 h5 33.f5 exf5 34.Bxd5 Bxd5 35.Rxa6+ KRB-KR **35...Bc6** White must now prevent ...Ke5. **36.b5!**

(Diagram)





Pin **36...Rxg2 37.Rxc6+** KR-KR **37...Kd5 38.Rh6 Rg3+ 39.Kf4 Rxa3 40.Rxh5 Rb3 41.Kxf5 Rxb5 42.Kf6+ Kc4 43.Rxb5 Kxb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

C11

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (4.6)
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.g3**

[8.a3 0-0 9.Nf4 Qa5 10.Bd3 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Qh5 f5 13.0-0 Nxe5 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.Be3 Bf6 16.Ne2 Qb6 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.b4 Rac8 19.Rac1 Ne7 20.Rc5 Rxc5 21.dxc5 Qc6 22.Nd4 Qa4 5.f3 c6 6. Qd2 b5 (2747)-5.dc5 Bc5 6. Bf4 (2644) Schachbundesliga Championship 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 0-1 (62)]

8...0-0 9.h4N

[9.Bh3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Re8 11.0-0 Nf8 12.Be3 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Bg2 Ng6 15.Rc1 Kh8 16.h4 e5 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Qa5 19.h5 Nf8 20.h6 Bg4 21.hxg7+ Kxg7 22.f3 Bh5 23.dxe5 Rxe5 French-6.c3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Be7 Survey 2020 Lexikon20 [Knaak,R, Ftacnik] 24.Bf4 Re6 25.Nc3 Situru,N-Golsta,R India 2020 CBM 98 ext [Stein, Leonid]]

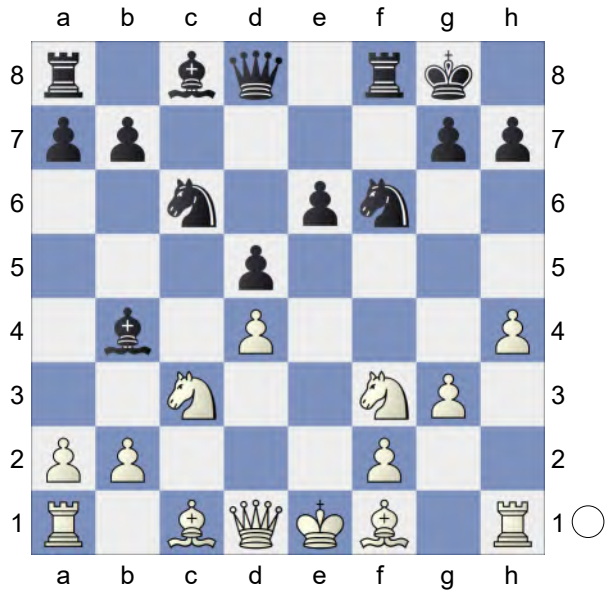
9...cxd4 10.cxd4 f6 The position is equal. **11.exf6 Bb4+ 12.Nc3! Nxf6**

(Diagram)

aiming for ...e5! **13.Bg2! Bd7 14.0-0 Be8 15.Bf4 Bh5 16.Qd3 Bd6 17.Ne2 Ne4 18.Qe3 Qf6** 0.36/23

[Black should play 18...Bg4= -0.20/17]

19.Rad1⩲ Rae8 20.Ne5 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 Nxd4 22.Rxd4 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Qxe5 24.Rb4 Re7 25.Bxe4



[25.a3 feels hotter. a5 26.Ra4 Rf5 27.Re1]

25...dxe4 26.Rxe4 Qd5 27.b3 e5 28.Qe3

[28.Rd1 seems wilder. Qc5 29.Rd2 h6 30.Kg2]

28...b6 29.Re1 Rfe8 30.Qe2 Qc5 31.Kh2 Rd8 32.f4 Qc3 33.Qg4 0.00/32

[33.fxe5? Rd2 34.Qxd2 Qxd2+-+]
[White should try 33.Qg2⩲ 0.57/22]

33...Rde8 0.55/24

[33...h5= 0.00/32 34.Qh3 Rd2+ 35.R1e2 Rxe2+ 36.Rxe2 Qd3]

34.R1e3 Qd2+ 35.Re2 Qc3 36.Qh5 h6 0.85/21

[36...Qc5⩲ 0.50/27]

37.Rxe5± Rxe5 38.fxe5 Endgame KQR-KQR

[Much worse is 38.Rxe5?! Rxe5 39.fxe5 *(39.Qxe5 Qxe5 40.fxe5 Kf7=)* 39...Qc2+ 40.Kh3 Qe4=]

38...Qc6 39.Qg4 Strongly threatening e6.

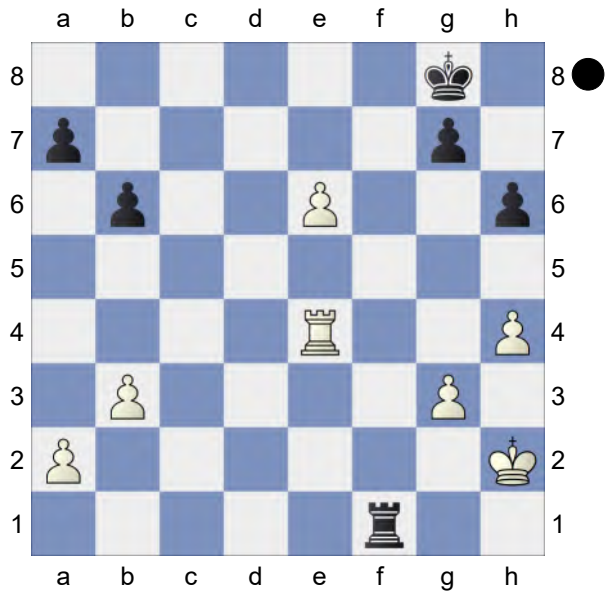
[Don't play 39.Rf2 Qe6⩲]

39...Rf8 2.14/22 Loses the game.

[39...Re6± 0.78/22]

40.e6+- And now Qe4 would win.

40...Rf1? 5.58/30
[40...h5 2.20/21 is more resistant. 41.Qxh5 Rf1]
41.Qe4 Active counter play! **41...Qxe4 42.Rxe4**

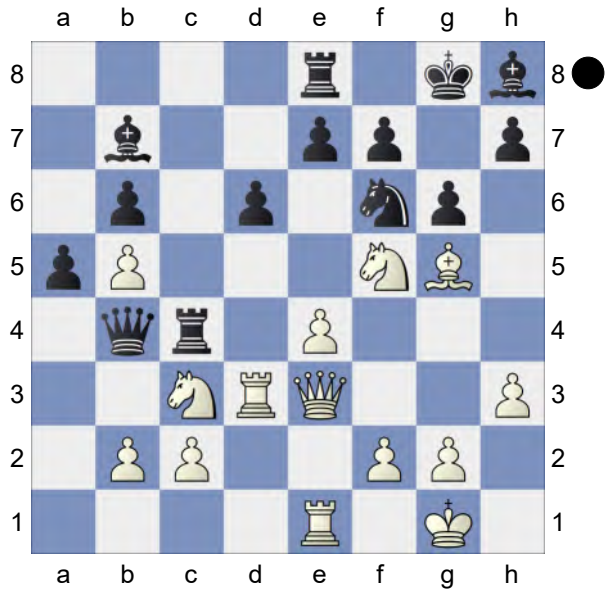


Hoping for e7. KR-KR **42...Rf8 43.Kh3** White is clearly winning. **43...Rc8 44.Kg4 Kf8 45.Rc4 Rd8 46.Rc7** White threatens e7+ and mate. **46...Rd5 47.Rf7+ Kg8 48.Kf4** Prevents Re5. Threatens to win with Rd7. **48...Rd2 49.Rxa7 Kf8 50.Rf7+ Ke8 51.Rxg7 Rxa2 52.Rb7 Rb2 53.Rxb6 Ke7 54.Kg4 Re2 55.Kh5 Re3 56.g4 Re4 57.b4 Kf6 58.b5 Rb4 59.Rc6 Rxb5+ 60.Kxh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.31
1-0

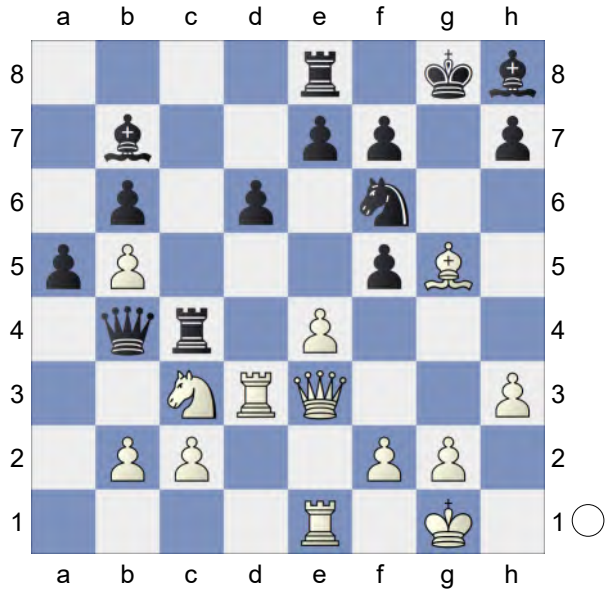
B35
□ **Aronian,Levon 2738**
■ **Shankland,Sam 2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B72: Sicilian Dragon: 6 Be3, lines with h3+Bc4 and sidelines **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4N**
[4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 *(5...a6 6.d3 e6 7.Be3 b6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Qd2 h6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb7 12.f4 f5 13.e5 0-0 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxc6 dxc6 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bxb6 Rd2 18.Rac1 Rb8 19.Bc5 Bf8 20.Ba3* 1-0 Noda,F (1492)-Willert Betker,S (1669) FIDE World Cup Tromsoe 2013 (8) *Nd5 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.b3 Ke7 24.Rf2 Rd4 25.Kf1 a5 26.c3 Re4 27.Re1 Ke6 28.Rxe4 fxe4 29.Ke2 a4 30.b4 c5 31.bxc5 Rc8 32.Rf1 Rxc5 33.Kd2 Rb5 34.Kc2 e3 35.Kd3* Chuprikov,D (2362)-Dzhumaev,M (2553) 118/(35) Voronezh 2013*)* 6.d3 Nge7 7.0-0 *(7.Bg5 b6 8.Qd2 h6 9.Be3 d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.d4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Qd6 14.0-0 Rd8 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.c3 d4 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Bf4 Qf6 19.g4 0-0 20.Bxh6 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 d3* 1-0 Galdunts,S (2487)-Kritz,L (2484) Griesheim GM 3rd 2003 (6)*)* 7...0-0 8.f4 *(8.Be3 Nd4 9.Qd2 Qa5 10.Rfe1 Nec6 11.f4 d6 12.a3 Rb8 13.Rab1 Bd7 14.Kh1 Rfc8 15.Nc1 b5 16.Rd1 b4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Nb3 Nxb3 19.cxb3 Nc6 20.Ne2 Qxd2 21.Rxd2 Rxb3 22.e5 dxe5* 0-1 Panov,V-Kirillov,V URS-ch07 Semifinal Group 7 Moscow 1931*)* 8...d6 9.Bd2 Rb8 10.Rb1 Nd4 11.Kh1 b5 12.a3 Nec6 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Ne2 Qc7 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.c3 Bg7 17.Qe2 Bd7 18.g4 f5 0-1 Pallwitz,O (1679)-Mastrosvasilis (1794) SUI-chT Switzerland 2007]
4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.0-0 b6 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Qd3 Rc8 13.Rad1 The position is equal. **13...Nxb3 14.axb3 a6 15.b4 Qc7 16.b5 a5**

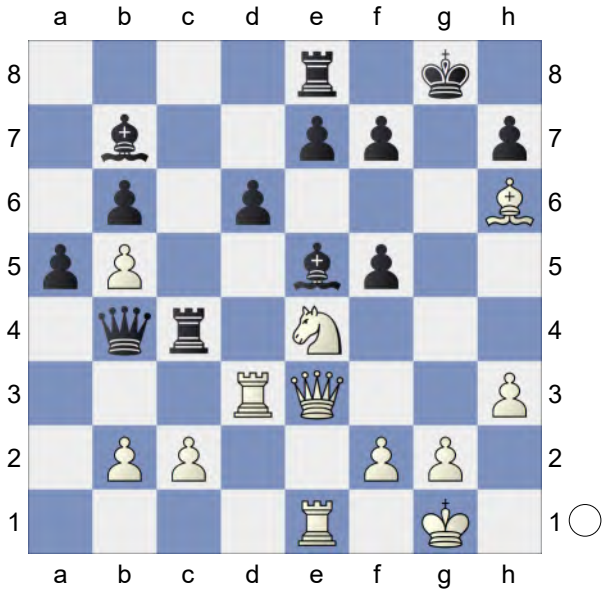
17.Bg5 Rfe8 18.Qe3 Qc4 19.Bh6 Bh8 20.Rd3 -1.00/21
[20.Rd2= -0.26/19]
20...Qb4∓ 21.Bg5 Rc4 -0.14/20
[Don't play 21...Qxb2 22.Na4 Qb4 23.Nxb6=]
[21...Bg7∓ -1.01/19 22.f4 Nh5 *(22...Qxb2 23.Rb1∓)*]
22.Nf5!=



gxf5?? 5.86/20
[22...Rc5!∓ -0.91/20 stays on course.]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
23.Bh6!+- White is clearly winning.
23...Nxe4 24.Nxe4 White wants to mate with Qg5+. **24...Be5**



25.Nxd6! Double Attack **25...f6** Repels Qg5+ **26.Nxc4**
[26.Nxe8 Re4 *(26...Qxb2? 27.Qxb6 Kf7 28.Qxb7+-)* 27.Nxf6+ exf6 28.Rd8+ Kf7 29.Rd7+ Ke8-+]
26...Qxc4 27.f4 Kh8 28.fxe5 Rg8 29.Rd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

B40
□ **Oparin,Grigoriy 2662**
■ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack Marjanovic,S: 'Inf 20/356' E14: Queen's Indian: Classical Variation (4 e3) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 d6 7.c3 e5 8.a3**
[8.Re1 Nge7 9.Na3 0-0 10.Nc4 h6

11.Nh4 g5 12.Nf3 f5 13.h4 g4 14.Nh2 h5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Ne3 Nce7 17.Nef1 Ng6 18.Bd5+ Kh7 19.f3 Nfe7 20.Be4 d5 21.Bxg6+ Nxg6 22.fxg4 hxg4 ½-½ Browne,W (2510)-Larsen,B (2565) Naestved 1985 (3)]

[8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.Re1 0-0 10.a3 h6 11.b4 Be6 12.Nf1 Rc8 13.Rb1 Qd7 14.Bb2 b6 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 d5 20.Red1 Rc4 21.Qd2 d4 22.Qxh6 Rfc8 1-0 Id2 (2516)-Voloshin,V (2254) PokerStars IoM Masters 2014 Douglas ENG (2)]

8...h6N

[8...Nf6 9.b4 0-0 10.b5 Ne7 11.a4 a6 12.Na3 axb5 13.Nxb5 Nc6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd2 Na7 17.Na3 Nc6 18.Rb1 Bg7 19.Ndc4 Ra6 20.Ne3 Ne7 21.Nac4 Bd7 22.a5 Bc6 23.Qb3 1-0 Geller,E-Spassky,B 20/356 Moscow 1975]

[8...Nge7 9.b4 0-0 10.Nbd2 *(10.b5 Nb8 11.Be3 a6 12.bxa6 Rxa6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Nbc6 15.Ra2 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Ne5 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bf4 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7 20.Kh1 Ba4 21.Qe2 N7c6 22.Nxc6 Rxc6 23.Rc1 Rxc1+ 24.Bxc1 Qb6* ½-½ Reynolds,D (2567)-Oms Pallisse,J (2383) 91/(108) Argentina 2004 (3.5)*)* 10...h6 11.Nc4 b5 12.Ne3 Be6 13.Nd2 cxb4 14.axb4 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Rb1 Bd7 17.Nb3 Ra8 18.Bd2 Qc8 19.Na1 Rb8 20.Rb2 Kh7 21.Nac2 Nd8 22.Qe2 Ne6 23.Nd5 ½-½ 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘h5-4. ♘c3 ♘d4 5. ♗a4 26/154 England 1978]

9.b4 Nf6 White is slightly better. **10.b5 Ne7 11.a4 a6 12.Na3 0-0 13.Bb2 axb5 14.axb5 Be6 15.Re1 Nd7 16.d4** -0.11/20

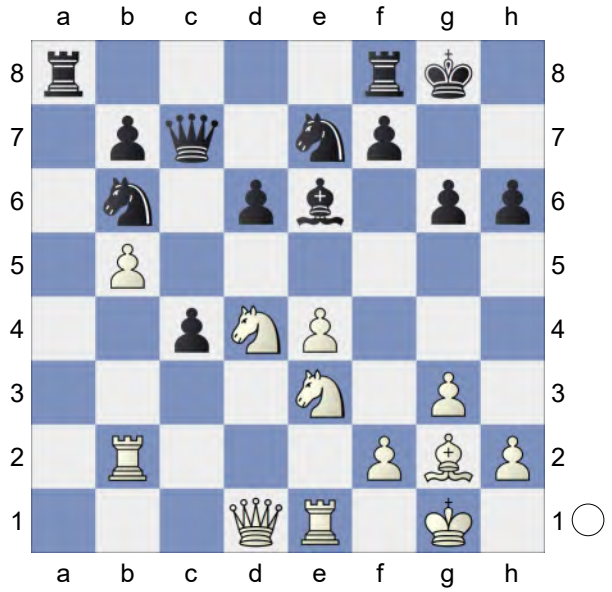
[16.c4± 0.31/18 should be considered.]

16...exd4= 17.cxd4 Nb6 18.Rb1 c4 19.d5! Hoping for Bxg7. **19...Bxb2 20.Rxb2 Bxd5**

[20...Rxa3 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Rd2±]

21.Nc2 Be6 22.Nfd4 Qd7 23.Ne3 Qc7 1.07/19

[23...h5= 0.03/18 keeps the balance.]



24.Rc2 -0.09/20 White is more active.

[24.Nxe6!± 1.07/19 fxe6 25.Rd2]

24...Bd7! 25.Qd2

[25.Qf3 is interesting. Qc5 26.Rd1 Kg7 27.Qf4]

25...Ra4 26.Rec1 Qc5 Strongly threatening ...c3. **27.Rc3** -0.91/20

[27.Qd1= -0.09/21]

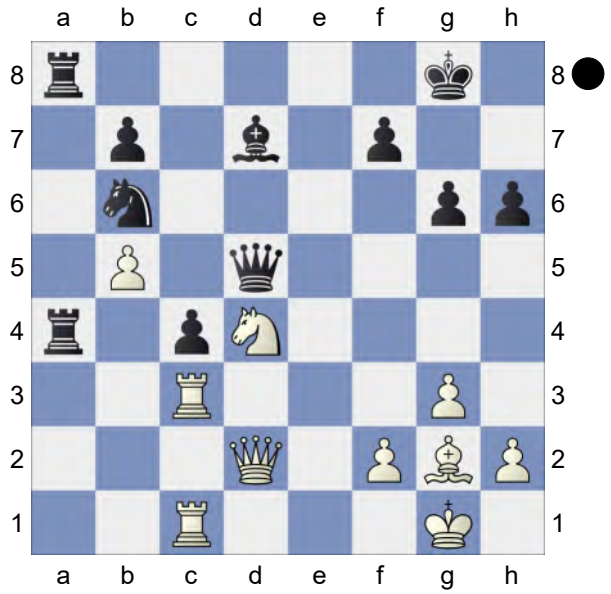
27...Rfa8∓ 28.Bf1 d5

[28...Bxb5? 29.Nxb5 Qxb5 30.Qxd6+-]

29.exd5 Nexd5 30.Nxd5 Qxd5 31.Bg2 -1.10/22

[Better is 31.Qf4 -0.71/22]

(Diagram)

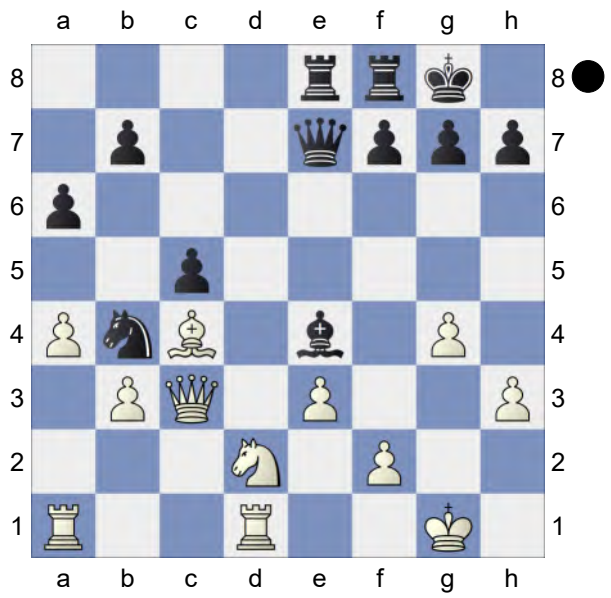


31...Qd6! **32.Bxb7** **Rd8** **33.Qe3** -1.95/22
[33.Qf4∓ -1.03/21 Qxf4 34.gxf4]
33...Bh3? -0.01/22
[33...Bc8-+ -1.95/22 34.Bxc8 Nd5]
34.Nf3 -0.55/20
[34.Qxh6= -0.01/22 Qxd4 35.Qxh3]
34...Kh7∓ **35.Qe5** -0.92/20
[35.Qe1∓ -0.53/21]
35...Rb4∓ **36.Re3** **Na4** -0.31/21
[36...Rb3∓ -0.76/21]
37.Qe7 -1.27/21
[White should play 37.Re4∓ -0.31/21]
37...Qxe7 -0.30/19
[37...Rxb5? 38.Qxf7+ Kh8 39.Re7+- *(39.Qxc4 Rc5∓* Skewer*; 39.Rxc4 Rf8∓; 39.Re8+ Rxe8 40.Qxe8+ Kg7+-; 39.Qxc4 Rc5∓* Skewer*; 39.Rxc4 Rf8∓; 39.Re8+ Rxe8 40.Qxe8+ Kg7+-)*]
[37...Kg7∓ -1.27/21 ...Nc5! is the strong threat. 38.Qe5+ Qxe5 39.Nxe5 Rd2 *(39...Rxb5 40.Bc6±)*]
38.Rxe7= **Kg7**
[38...Rxb5 39.Ba6 Rc5 40.Ne5± *(40.Rxf7+ Kg8=; 40.Bxc4?* too greedy. *Nb2-+)*]
39.Ne5 aiming for Nc6. **39...Kf6** **40.Nc6** **Rxb5** **41.Ba6!** The position is equal. **41...Rb6** **42.Bxc4** **Rd7** **43.Rxd7** **Bxd7** **44.Nd4** **Rb4** White must now prevent ... Nb2. **45.Nf3** **Nb6** **46.Bd3** **Rb3** **47.Be4** **Rb4** **48.Bd3** **Rb3** **49.Be4** **Rb4** **50.Bd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

D31
□ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (5.3)
[Kitty Kat]

D27: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 e4!? and 7 a4 **1.d4** **d5** **2.c4** **e6** **3.Nc3** **dxc4** **4.e3** **Nf6** **5.Bxc4** **a6** **6.a4** **c5** **7.Nf3** **Nc6** **8.0-0** **Be7** **9.d5** **exd5** **10.Nxd5** **0-0** **11.Nxe7+** **Qxe7** **12.b3N**
[12.h3 Bf5 13.Bd2 Ne4 14.Qe2 Qf6 15.Rfd1 Qxb2 16.Rab1 Qf6 17.Rxb7 Nxd2 18.Rxd2 Na5 19.Rbb2 Be4 20.Bd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Qc6 22.Qd1 Nc4 23.Rb1 Rac8 24.e4 Rfe8 25.e5 h6 26.Kh2 Qc7 1-0 Verlinsky,B-Levenfish,G Moscow IT 1st 1925 (2)]
12...Be6 **13.Qc2** The position is equal.
13...Nb4 **14.Qe2** -0.81/23
[14.Qc3= -0.20/24 remains equal.]
14...Ne4∓ **15.Bd2** **Bg4** White must now prevent ...Rad8. **16.Rfd1** **Qf6** -0.34/22
[16...h6∓ -0.71/21]
17.h3!∓ **Bh5** **18.g4** **Bg6!** Hoping for ... b5! Black is much more active. **19.Be1** -1.16/21
[⌓19.Ne1 -0.80/21]
19...Qe7 -0.31/20
[19...Nc2!∓ -1.16/21 20.Ne5 Nxa1 *(20...Qxe5 21.Qxc2 Ng5* Discovered Attack *22.Qc3∓)*]

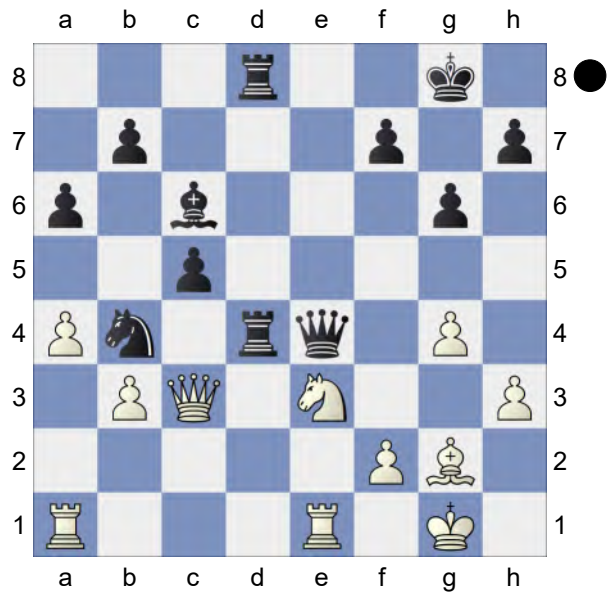
20.Qb2 Rae8 21.Bc3 -0.99/22
[21.Rac1∓ -0.39/20]
21...Nxc3∓ 22.Qxc3 Be4 23.Nd2



Bc6 ...b5 is the strong threat. **24.e4 Rd8**
[24...Bxe4? 25.Re1+-]
25.Re1 Rd4 26.Bf1 -1.54/21
[Better is 26.a5 -1.10/21]
26...Rfd8 -1.00/20
[And not 26...Bxe4 27.f3±]
[Black should try 26...Re8 -1.54/21 27.Rab1 h6 *(27...Bxe4 28.Bg2±)*]
27.Nc4? -3.34/20 Now White is beyond hope.
[27.Nf3∓ -1.00/20]
27...g6
[Not 27...Rxe4 28.Ne5∓]
[27...Bxe4 28.f3 b5 29.Rxe4 Rxe4 30.fxe4 bxc4 31.Bxc4=]
28.Ne3? -4.39/22
[28.Na5 -2.35/20 keeps fighting.]
28...Qxe4-+
[28...Rxe4? 29.Ng2-+]
29.Bg2

(Diagram)

Qf4 30.Bxc6 And now Ng2 would win.
30...Rd2



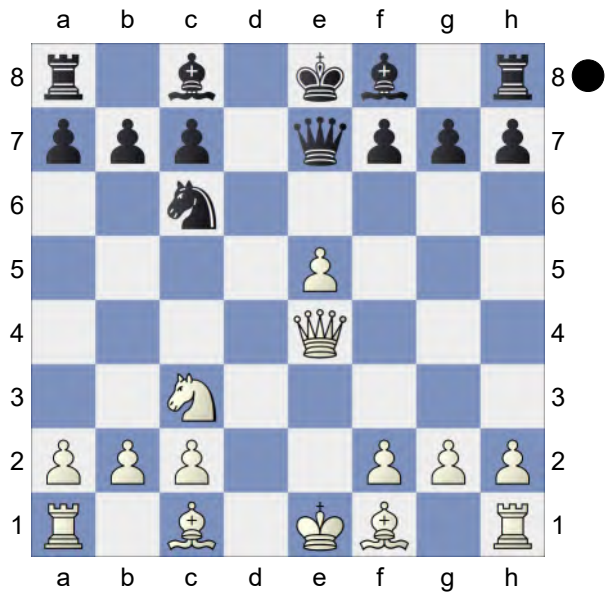
[Less strong is 30...bxc6 31.Ng2 Qd6 32.Rab1-+]
31.Rf1 Nxc6 32.Ng2 Qd6 33.Qg3 Qxg3 Black is clearly winning. **34.fxg3 R8d3 35.Rf2 Nd4 36.Rxd2 Rxd2** Endgame. KRN-KRN **37.Nf4 Nxb3 38.Re1 Kf8** Prevents Re8+ **39.Re5 c4 40.Nd5 Nd4 41.Re3** Against Nf3+ **41...Ne2+ 42.Kf1 Nxg3+ 43.Rxg3 Rxd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

C42
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**
■ **So,Wesley 2751**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (5.4)
[Kitty Kat]

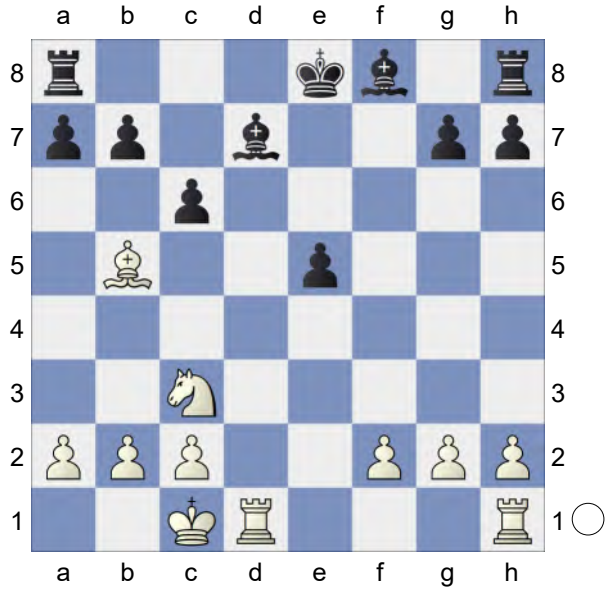
C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Nxe4 4.Qe2 Qe7 5.Qxe4 d6 6.d4 dxe5 7.dxe5 Nc6 8.Nc3**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Bb5. **8...Qxe5**



9.Qxe5+ Nxe5 White is better. **10.Bf4 f6 11.0-0-0** Black must now prevent Nb5. **11...Bd7 12.Bxe5 fxe5 13.Bb5 c6**



14.Rhe1! 0-0-0

[14...cxb5? is the wrong capture. 15.Rxe5+ Be7 16.Nd5+- *(16.Nxb5? perishes. Bxb5 17.Rxb5 b6-+)*]

15.Bc4 b5 16.Bd3N

[16.Bb3 Bc5 17.Ne4 Be7 18.f3 Kc7 19.c3 Bf5 20.Bc2 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Rd8+ 22.Ke2 h6 23.Bd3 a5 24.Rc1 a4 25.a3 Bg5 26.Rc2 Be7 27.c4 Kb6 28.Nf2 Be6 29.Ne4 Bf5 30.cxb5 cxb5 1-0 Grube,J (2775)-Schneiders,H (2368) Gonfreville op 1979 (1.21) 31.g4 Be6 32.Nc3 Bb3 33.Rc1 b4 34.axb4 Bxb4 35.Ne4 Be7 36.h3 Rb8 37.Nd2 Bg5 38.Nxb3 Bxc1 39.Nxc1 Ka5 40.Kd2 Rxb2+ 41.Bc2 a3 42.Kc3 Rb8 43.Nb3+ Kb5 44.Bd3+ Kc6 45.Bc4 Rf8 1-0 Giri,A (2775)-Riehle,M (2368) Julius Baer Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1.21)]

16...Re8 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Nd2 Bf6 0.43/20

[18...Bc5= 0.03/19 deserves consideration.]

19.h3 Kc7 20.Kb1 h5 0.22/19

[⌓20...Be6 -0.15/19]

21.Re2 g5 22.Ne4 Rhf8 0.56/21

[22...Be7= 0.17/22]

23.c4 0.03/21

[White should try 23.Red2± 0.56/21]

23...bxc4= 24.Bxc4 Be7 25.Bd3 Rd8 26.Kc2 g4 27.hxg4 hxg4

[27...Bxg4!? 28.f3□ Bc8=]

28.b3 Bc8 29.Rh1 The position is equal. **29...Bf5 30.f3 gxf3 31.gxf3 Bxe4 32.Bxe4 Rh8 33.Rxh8 Rxh8** Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Rg2 Bb4 35.Kb2 Rd8 36.Kc2 Kb6 37.Bd3 Rf8 38.Rg4 a5 39.Be4 Rd8 40.Bd3 Rf8 41.Be4 Rd8 42.Bd3 Rf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

D26

□ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (5.6)
[Kitty Kat]

D45: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Knezevic,M: 'Inf 27/498' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qc7 10.Qe2** White is slightly better. **10...Nc6 11.Nf3** 0.02/21

[11.Nxc6± 0.45/19 is superior. bxc6 12.Be3]

11...Ng4 12.g3N

[12.Nb5 Qb8 13.h3 Nge5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bb3 a6 16.Nc3 Nc6 17.Rd1 b5 18.Be3 Na5 19.Bc2 Nc4 20.Bd4 Ne5 21.Qh5 Ng6 22.e5 Bb7 23.Ne4 Rc8 24.Bd3 Rd8 25.Bc2 Rc8 26.Bb1 Qc7 1-0 Melgarejo Suarez,A-Yakimenko,A (Game 23) Hastings 2008 27.Bd3 Qc6 28.Qg4 Rc7 29.Nd6 Rd8 30.Be4 Qd7 31.Nxb7 Rxb7 32.Bc3 Qc8 33.Rxd8+ Bxd8 34.Bxb7 Qxb7 35.Rd1 Be7 36.Qf3 Qc8 37.Qe4 h6 38.Bb4 Bh4 39.g3 Bd8 40.Qd4 Bc7 41.Qd7 Qb8 1-0 Knezevic,M-Mestrovic,Z Jugoslavija 27/498 1979]

12...a6

[12...Qa5!?]

13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Rfd1 Qc7 16.Rac1 Bd7 17.Bb3 -0.06/21

[17.Nd2± 0.31/20 feels stronger. Nge5 18.Qe3]

17...Rfd8= 18.Ng5 Nf6 19.f4 h6 20.Nf3 Qb6+ 21.Qf2 Qb4 Strongly threatening ...Ng4! **22.Qe2! Qb6+ 23.Qf2 Qb4** Hoping for ...Ng4! **24.Qe2! Na5 25.e5** Active counter play! **25...Nxb3 26.axb3 Ne8 27.Nd4 Bc6 28.Nxc6 bxc6 29.Qc4 Qb6+ 30.Kg2 Nc7** White should prevent ...Rxd1.

31.Rd6 Rab8

[31...Qe3 keeps more tension. 32.Rcd1 Nd5 33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Qxc6 Rb8]

32.Qxc6

[32.Rxc6? Rd2+ *(32...Qxb3? 33.Qxb3 Rd2+ 34.Kh3+-)* 33.Kh3 Qf2-+ *(33...Qxb3? 34.Ne4+-)*]

[32.Rcd1 is interesting. Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Nb5 34.Rxc6 Qe3 35.Rc8+]

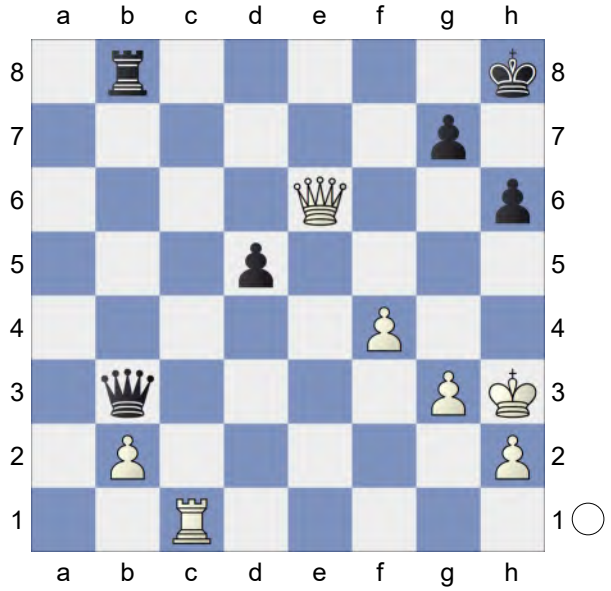
32...Rxd6 33.Qxd6 Qb7+ 34.Kh3 Ne8 35.Qd3 Qxb3 36.Qxa6 Nc7 0.56/23

[36...g6!= 0.10/21 might be stronger.]

37.Qd6 Nd5 38.Nxd5 exd5± Endgame. KQR-KQR **39.e6↑** White is more active. **39...fxe6** 2.19/26 This move loses the game for Black.

[39...Qxb2± 0.47/25 40.e7 Re8]

40.Qxe6++- Kh8



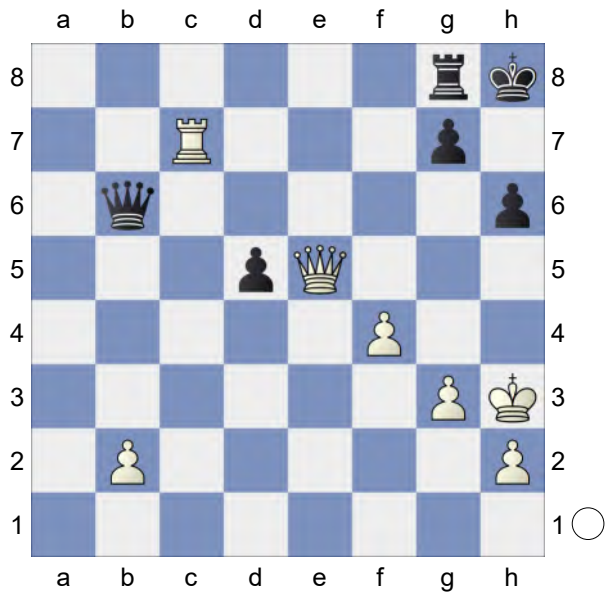
41.Qe5 Qb6 42.Rc7

[42.Qxd5 Qxb2 43.Re1 Qc2=]

42...Rg8

(Diagram)

43.Rd7! Rd6! would now be deadly.



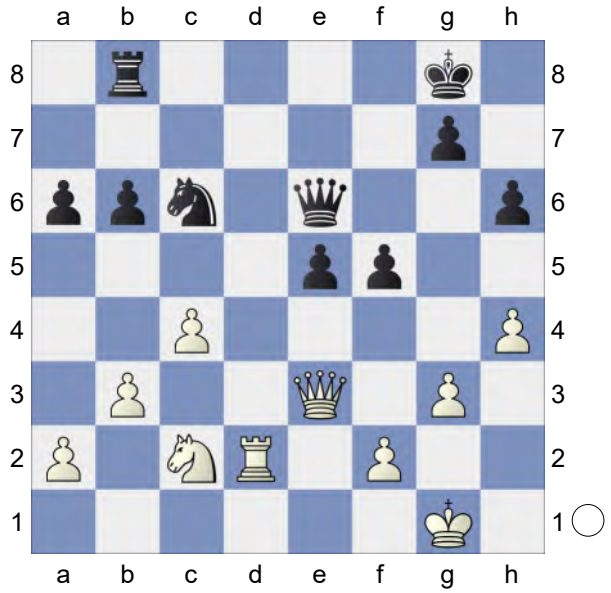
43...Qa6 44.Rxd5
[Inferior is 44.Qxd5 Qf1+ 45.Qg2 Qc4±]
44...Qc8+ 45.Kh4 Qd4 is the strong threat. **45...Qc2?** 3.74/25
[45...Re8 2.09/24]
46.h3 Kh7 47.Rd7
[And not 47.Qf5+ Qxf5 48.Rxf5 Rb8=]
47...Qb3 48.Re7 And now f5 would win. **48...Qb6** 5.49/24
[48...Qb4 3.53/26 is a better defense. 49.Rd7 Qb3]
49.f5 Threatens to win with f6. **49...Kh8 50.Kh5** Threatening mate with Re6. **50...Qc6 51.b4 Qf3+ 52.Kh4 Qd1 53.b5** Black must now prevent b6. **53...Qa4+ 54.g4** White wants to mate with f6. **54...Qc2 55.b6** White threatens b7 and mate. **55...Qf2+ 56.Kh5** White mates. **56...Kh7 57.f6 Qxb6 58.Qf5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.26 (precise)
[Not 58.fxg7 Qg6+ 59.Kh4 Rxg7±]
1-0

B90
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2741**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu 2630**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (6.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5N**
[10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Kh2 Kh8 23.b4 Be6 24.Re3 Qf7 25.b3 b5 26.Kh1 Qb7 27.Re4 Bf5 28.Re3 Be6* ½-½ 9.♘d2 a5/ 14.♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) 5.Bd2 - Main line 10.Nc3 g5 11.Bc1 2018 (2.6)*)* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.Nf3 f6 6.Be3-7.Nf3-N,N]
10...Be6 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bxe7 White is slightly better. **12...Qxe7 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.Bxd5 Nf6 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.c3 Rfd8 17.g3 Nxd5 18.Rxd5**
[18.exd5 Nb8=]
18...Qe6 19.Rfd1 Ne7 20.R5d3 f6 21.Nh4 Rd7 22.b3 d5 23.exd5 Rxd5 24.c4 Rxd3 25.Qxd3 b6 26.Ng2 Nf5 27.Qe4! Re8 28.Ne3 Nd4 Strongly threatening ...Ne2+. **29.Nc2** 0.49/19
[29.Nd5!± 0.96/23 Threatens to win with Nc7. f5 30.Qd3]
29...Nc6 30.Ne3 -0.01/19 White is more active.
[30.Qe3± 0.68/21]
30...Nd4= And now ...Ne2+ would win. **31.Nc2** -0.01/19

[White should play 31.Nd5!± 0.61/20 f5 32.Qe3]

31...Nc6! 32.Qe3 Rb8 33.Rd2 h6 34.h4 f5



35.Nd4! Nxd4 36.Rxd4± Endgame. Pin. KQR-KQR **36...Re8 37.Rd5 Kh8 38.Qd3 Qf6** 1.10/20

[38...f4± 0.61/23 was preferrable.]

39.Rd6± Re6 40.Rxe6 0.46/22

[40.Rd8+± 0.96/22 Kh7 41.Rd5]

40...Qxe6 KQ-KQ **41.b4** 0.09/21

[41.Qd8+± 0.51/22 feels stronger. Kh7 42.Kf1]

41...Qc6 1.02/24

[41...f4= 0.09/21]

42.h5

[42.Qxf5?! Qxc4 43.Qf8+ *(43.Qxe5 Qxb4 44.Qe6 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Kh7=)* 43...Kh7=]

42...Kg8 43.a3 0.52/22

[43.Qxf5?! Qxc4 44.Qxe5 Qxb4=]

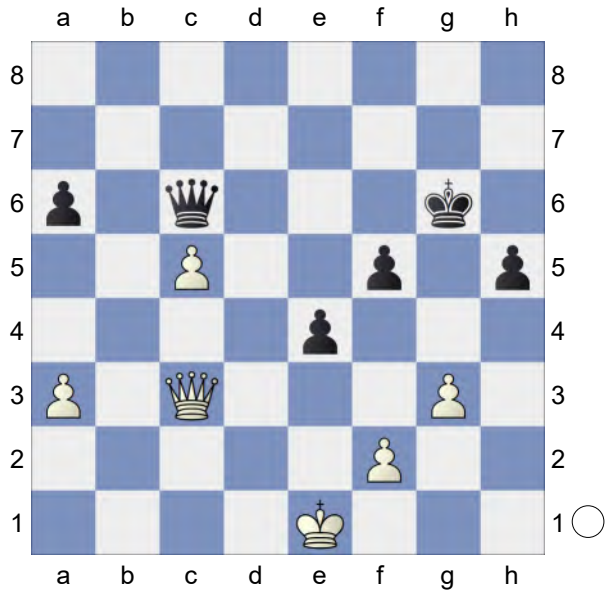
[43.Qc3± 0.94/22]

43...e4 44.Qd4 Kf7 1.14/21

[44...Qa4± 0.46/23]

45.c5 bxc5 46.bxc5 Qe6 47.Kf1 g5 48.hxg6+ Kxg6 49.Qc3 Qc6 50.Ke1 h5 1.40/23

[⊼50...Kf7 0.85/22]



51.Qe5 0.15/24

[51.Kf1!± 1.40/23]

51...Qd7= 52.Qc3 -0.01/21

[52.Kf1± 0.44/23]

52...Qc6 53.Qb4 0.60/22

[53.Kf1± 1.18/21]

53...Kf7!± 54.Qb6 0.32/21

[54.Ke2± 0.74/21]

54...Qb5 55.Qc7+ Ke8 0.80/24

[55...Kf6= 0.24/24 keeps the balance.]

56.Qe5+± Kd8 57.Qd4+

[57.Qxf5?! Qb1+ 58.Ke2 Qd3+ 59.Ke1 Qb1+ 60.Ke2 Qd3+ 61.Ke1 Qb1+=]

57...Kc8 1.01/23

[57...Kc7± 0.60/23]

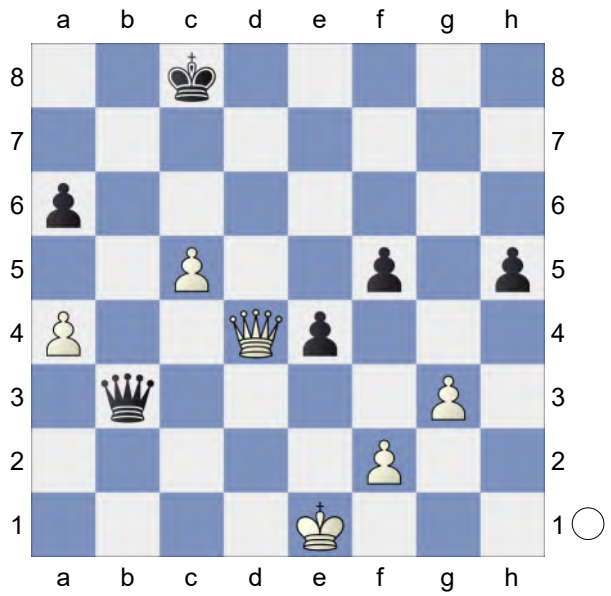
58.a4 Qb3 2.21/21

[58...Qc6± 0.71/21]

(Diagram)

Black cannot hold the game after this. **59.c6!+-** White threatens Qd7+ and mate. **59...Qd3?** 12.68/28

[59...Qb1+ 2.36/26 60.Kd2 Qa2+



61.Ke3 Qa3+ 62.Kf4 Qc1+ 63.Kxf5 Qxc6 64.Qxe4 *(64.Kg5 Qe8±)* 64...Qc5+ 65.Kg6 Qb6+ 66.Kg5 *(66.Kxh5 Qxf2 67.g4 Qh2+ 68.Kg5 Qd6±)* 66...a5 67.Qf5+ *(67.Kxh5 Qxf2 68.g4 Qh2+ 69.Kg6 Qd6+ 70.Kf5 Kd7±)* 67...Kb8 68.Kxh5 Qb4]

60.Qb6 Intending Qb7+ and mate.

60...Qd6 61.Qxa6+ Kd8 62.Qa8+ Ke7 63.Qb7+ Kf6 64.c7 White mates.

64...e3 65.Qb2+

[65.c8R? leads to mate. Qd2+ 66.Kf1 Qxf2#]

65...Kg6 66.c8Q exf2+ 67.Kxf2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

1-0

C55

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**

■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (6.2)

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.a3 Bc5 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be3 d6**

[7...Bxe3 8.fxe3 d6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Qd3 b5 12.Ba2 Rb8 13.h3 Bd7 14.Nd5 exd4 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.exd4 Rbe8 17.Rae1 Qg6 18.c3 Kh8 19.Bb1 Qg3 20.Re3 g6 21.Qd2 Re7 22.Bd3 1-0 So,W (2752)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Julius Baer GenCup D2 W Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (3.1)]

8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.0-0N The position is equal.

[9.Nd5 Be6 10.Ne3 Qd7 11.Qd2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe6 13.Qc3 Nd7 14.b4 0-0 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Ncxe5 Na4 17.Qb3 Nxe5 18.Qxa4 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 c5 20.Qb3 Qf6 21.Ke2 b5 22.Rab1 Rfd8 23.Rhd1 Rd6 1-0 Cortese,A (2352)-Najdorf 6.Rg1 b5 7.a4 bxa4 #1 (2347) ITA-chT4 corr Italy 1987 (9.2) 24.a4 b4 25.a5 Rad8 26.Qb2 Rd4 27.Qa1 Qd6 28.Rbc1 f5 29.Rg1 Qf4 30.Rcd1 g5 31.Qc1 Qd6 32.Rxg5+ hxg5 33.Qxg5+ Kf7 34.Rg1 Rf8 35.Qg7+ Ke8 36.Rg6 Qe7 37.Qh6 fxe4 38.Re6 exd3+ 0-1 Buksa,N (2406)-Averin,N (2259) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (9)]

9...Qd6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5

[Don't play 11.Bxd5 Ne7=]

11...Ne7 12.Qe1 f6 13.Nd2↑ White fights for an advantage. **13...Bf5** 0.76/20

[13...b6!= 0.29/19]

14.Ne4± Bxe4 15.dxe4 0-0 16.b4 0.34/20

[⌓16.a4 0.70/19]

16...b6 0.72/21

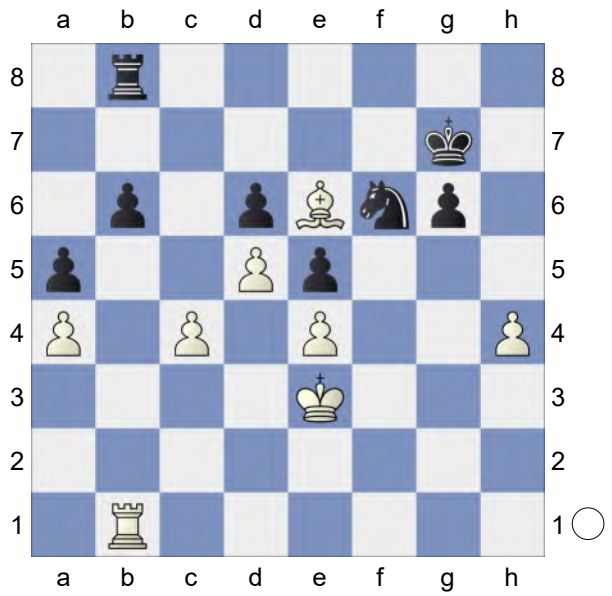
[16...b5± 0.34/20 17.bxc5 Qxc5]

17.bxc5 Qxc5 18.Qb4 Qd6 19.Qxd6! cxd6 Black is weak on the light squares

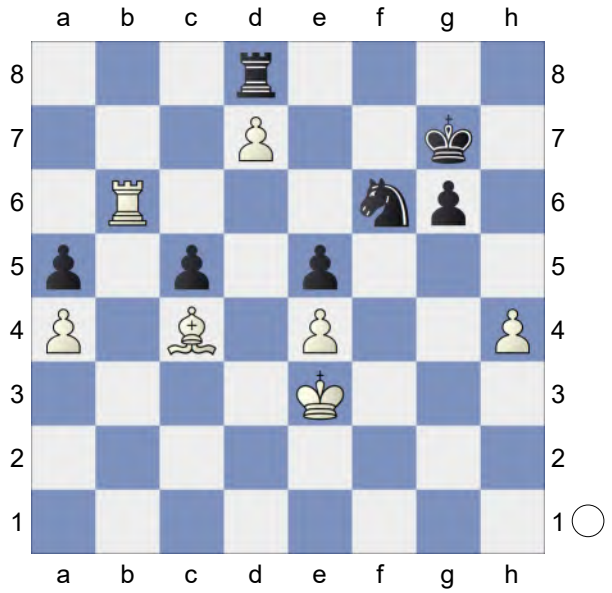
20.Rfb1 Nc8 21.Be2 f5 22.f3 White is more active. **22...Ra7** 1.08/21
[22...Rf7± 0.68/21 might be stronger.]
23.Rb3 fxe4 24.fxe4 Rc7 25.c4 0.50/22
[25.Bxa6± 1.17/23 aiming for Bd3. Rxc2 26.Rf1]
25...g6 0.95/21
[25...Rf4± 0.50/22 is more appropriate.]
26.a4 0.49/23
[Better is 26.c5± 0.95/21 dxc5 27.Bxa6]
26...a5 27.Rc1 0.33/24
[27.Rf1± 0.73/23]
27...h5± 28.g3 Kg7 29.h4 Rff7 30.Kg2 Rf6 31.Bf3 Rff7 32.Be2 0.01/23
[White should try 32.Kg1± 0.60/25]
32...Rf6!= 33.Ra1 0.27/24
[33.Rf3± 0.65/26 deserves consideration.]
33...Rff7 0.65/23
[33...Rcf7= 0.27/24 was preferrable. 34.Rf3 Rxf3 35.Bxf3 Rc7]
34.Rf3± Rxf3 1.05/24
[34...Rb7= 0.28/25]
35.Kxf3= Endgame. KRB-KRN **35...Ne7 36.Rb1 Rb7 37.Ke3 Ng8 38.g4** 0.52/22
[38.c5± 1.03/25 dxc5 39.d6 *(39.Ba6 Rb8±)*]
38...hxg4!± 39.Bxg4 Nf6 40.Be6 Rb8 1.22/23
[40...Ne8!± 0.31/22]

(Diagram)

41.c5!± dxc5 42.d6 Rh8 2.04/25
[42...Kh6± 1.12/26 keeps fighting. 43.d7 Kh5]



43.d7 1.13/26
[43.Rxb6+- 2.04/25 Rxh4 44.Rb7+ Kh6 45.Bd5]
43...Rd8 1.68/23
[43...Rb8± 1.13/26 might work better.]
44.Rxb6+- And now Rc6 would win.
44...Kf8 45.Bc4 Kg7



46.Bb5 Hoping for Ra6. **46...Kf7 47.Rc6 Nxd7 48.Bc4+** Deflection **48...Ke7 49.Re6+**
[49.Rxg6 Rh8±]
49...Kf7 50.Rxe5+ Kf8 51.Re6

Kf4! would now be deadly. **51...Rb8** 3.59/24

[⌓51...Re8 2.38/22 52.Rxe8+ *(52.Rxg6 Ne5±)* 52...Kxe8]

52.Bb5

[Less strong is 52.Rxg6 Rb4+-]

52...Rb7 53.Rxg6 Ne5 54.Rg5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)

1-0

C11

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**

■ **Aronian,Levon 2738**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (6.3)

[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.Qf2** -0.07/18

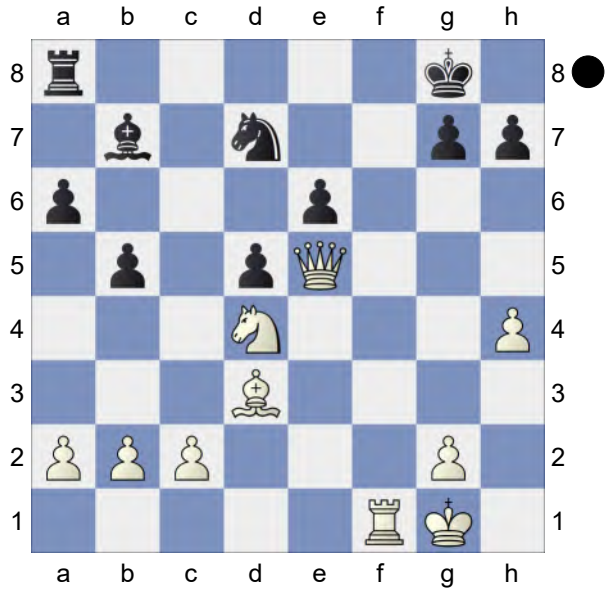
[10.h5± 0.36/16 Be7 *(10...h6 11.a3 Qa5 12.Rd1 b4 13.axb4 Qxb4 14.Be2 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 19.Kh2 a5 20.Na4 Qc7 21.Rf3 Rae8 22.Nac5 Nxc5 23.Nxc5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Qxc5 25.Rg3* 0-1 Pranav,A (2509)-Niemann,H (2667) Wch U20 60th Mexico City 2023 (10)*)* 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Bd3 Rc8 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.f5 Nb4 15.Qf4 Nxd3+ 16.cxd3 exf5 17.Qxf5 Rc7 18.d4 Bc8 19.Qf4 Be7 20.0-0 h6 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Ne2 0-0 23.Qg3 Rc4 24.b3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 ½-½ 10.♔b1 b5 11. c5_13795_15163 (2780)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2_13770 (2635) CCOL3 prel2-01 corr ICCF 1955]

10...cxd4N 0.47/21

[Better is 10...Qa5= -0.07/18 11.Bd3 b4 12.Nd1 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc5 15.0-0 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Qc5 17.c3 bxc3 18.bxc3 0-0 19.Ne3 Rfc8 20.Rfc1 a5 21.Rab1 Ba6 22.Bc2 Qc7 23.h5 h6 24.Ng4 Kh8 25.Ba4 Nc5 ½-½ Vidit,S (2719)-Bluebaum,M (2672) FIDE World Cup 2023 Baku AZE (3.5)]

[10...Qb6 11.Rh3 Qa5 12.h5 Be7 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Ne2 0-0 15.0-0-0 cxd4 16.Nexd4 b4 17.Kb1 a5 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.f5 exf5 20.Qg3 Kh8 21.Nd4 Bc5 22.Nxf5 Qxe5 23.Qg4 Rg8 24.Bd3 Rae8 25.Qh4 0-1 Salem,A (2630)-Mendonca,L (2608) 86th Tata Steel Challengers 2024 Wijk aan Zee (12.3)]

11.Nxd4± Nxd4 White has an edge. **12.Bxd4 Qc7 13.Bd3 Bc5 14.Ne2** White is more active. **14...f6 15.0-0 0-0! 16.Qe3 fxe5 17.fxe5** Hoping for c3. **17...Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1** And now c3 would win. **18...Bxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxe5 20.Qxe5**

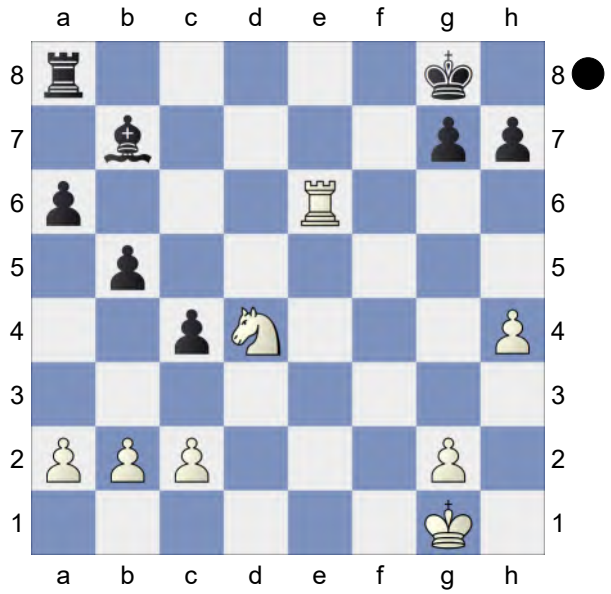


Remove Defender **20...Nxe5 21.Re1 Nc4 22.Bxc4** -0.01/22

[22.Rxe6± 0.51/22 Nxb2 23.Bf5]

22...dxc4= The position is equal.

23.Rxe6± Endgame.

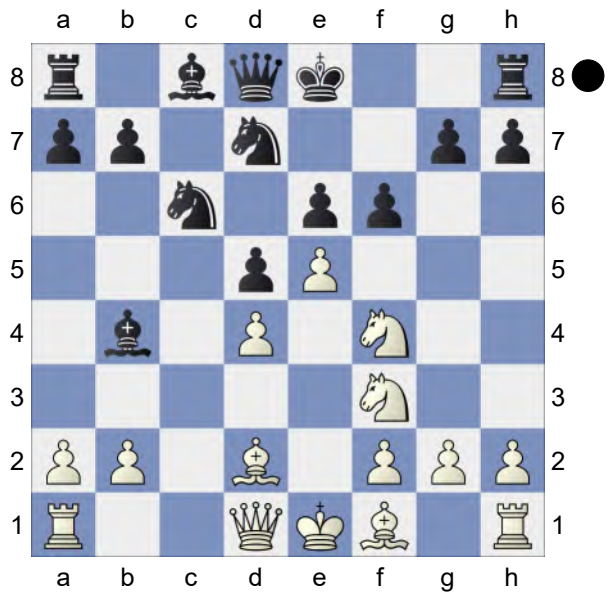


KRB-KRN **23...c3! 24.b4**
[24.bxc3 Bd5]
24...Rd8 Wards off Rd6 **25.Nb3 Bd5 26.Re3 Bxb3 27.axb3=** KR-KR **27...Rd4 28.Rxc3 Rxb4 29.Rc8+ Kf7 30.Rc7+ Kf8 31.Rc8+ Ke7 32.Rc7+ Kf8 33.Rc8+ Ke7 34.Rc7+ Kf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

C11
□ **Shankland,Sam** **2677**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (6.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 RR: 'Inf 60/(268)' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4 Bb4+**
[9...fxe5 10.Nxe6 Qa5+ 11.Bd2]
10.Bd2

(Diagram)

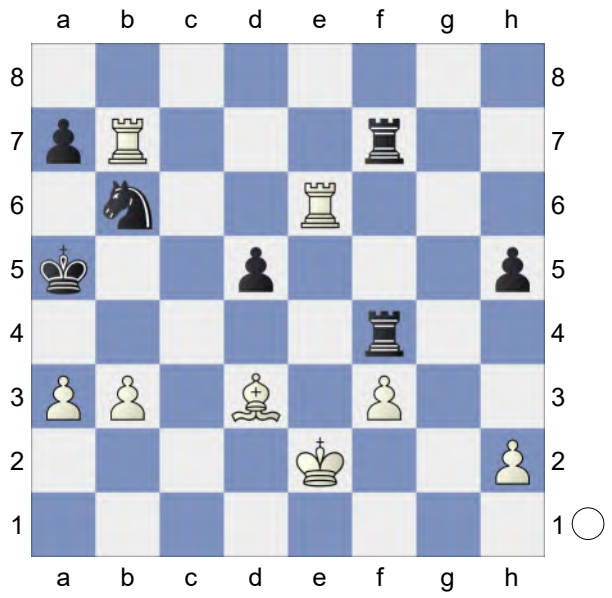


Black must now prevent Bxb4. **10...Qe7 11.exf6** 0.10/23
[11.Nd3± 0.47/22 was preferrable.]
[11.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 12.Qd2 Ke7 13.exf6+ gxf6 14.Qxb4+ Nxb4 15.Kd2 Nb6 16.a3 Nc6 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.Rhe1 Bd7 20.b3 Kd6 21.Re3 Rae8 22.Rae1 Re7 23.g4 Rg8 24.h3 a5 25.a4 Nc8 ½-½ Shirov,A (2685)-Ivanchuk,V (2705) Tilburg rapid20 1993 (6)]
11...Nxf6= 12.a3N The position is equal.
[12.Bb5 Ne4 13.0-0 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 0-0 15.Ne2 Bd7 16.Nf3 Bd6 17.Ng3 Qf6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Re1 c5 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Qd2 Rab8 22.b3 Bb4 23.Qe3 Bxe1 24.Rxe1 a5 25.Ne5 Be8 26.f3 Qd8 1-0 Bjarneboe,D (2419)-Charles,S (2227) 50/207 Groningen 1990 (4) 27.Kh1 a4 28.Nd3 axb3 29.axb3 Rxb3 30.Qxe6+ 1-0 Lorenzo de la Riva,L (2419)-Ilinca Ilinca,F (2227) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4)]
12...Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 e5 0.74/22
[13...0-0= -0.01/21]
14.dxe5± Nxe5 15.Nxe5

[15.Nxd5? Nxf3+ 16.Kd1 Nxd2-+]
15...Qxe5+ 16.Qe2 Qxe2+
[16...Ne4 looks sharper. 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.f3 0-0]
17.Nxe2 Ke7 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Bd3 Kd6 20.f3 g5 21.Kd2 h5 22.Rae1 Rae8 23.Bg6 Rc8 24.Re3 g4 0.85/22
[24...Rhg8!⩲ 0.42/21 25.Bd3 Rcf8]
25.Rhe1 Re6+! is the strong threat.
[25.Nf5+ simplifies Bxf5 26.Bxf5 Rce8 27.Rhe1]
25...Rhf8 26.Kd3 White is much more active.
[26.Nf5+ simplifies Kc7 27.Rc1+ Kd8 28.Rxc8+ Kxc8 29.Kd3]
26...gxf3 27.gxf3
[But not 27.Rxf3?! Ng4 28.Nf5+ *(28.Bxh5? Ne5+ 29.Rxe5 Kxe5∓)* 28...Rxf5 29.Rxf5 *(29.Bxf5 Nxh2 30.Bxd7 Nxf3=)* 29...Bxf5+ 30.Bxf5 Nf2+ 31.Kd2 Rf8 32.Re6+ Kc5=]
27...Rc4 1.29/22
[Black should try 27...a5⩲ 0.70/22]
28.b3 Really sharp! **28...Kc5** 4.25/23 Loses the game. **29.Ne6++-** **Bxe6 30.Rxe6 Rf4 31.Rc1+ Kb5 32.Ke2 Nd7 33.Bd3+**
[Not 33.Bxh5 R8f6 *(33...Rh4? 34.Be8+-)* 34.Rxf6 Nxf6+-]
33...Ka5 34.Rc7 R8f7 35.Rxb7 Nb6

(Diagram)

36.Rc6! Rc4 Against Rc5+
[36...Nc4 37.Rc5+]
37.Rxf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.66
1-0



A29
□ **So,Wesley** **2751**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2689**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (6.5)
[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 Inf 49/(44) **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6**
[6...Nde7 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nf5 11.Re1 h6 12.Rb1 g5 13.h4 Rb8 14.b4 Nfd4 15.b5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Kh2 b6 19.Rb4 Rc8 20.Ra4 c6 21.bxc6 0-1 7.a4 ♘bd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8)]
7.0-0N
[7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Rd1 *(13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000)* 13...Qe8 Smyslov,V (2570)-El Taher,F (2375) Manila (izt) Manila (izt) 49/(44) 1990]
7...Be7 8.Rb1 a5 9.d3 Be6 10.Be3

0-0 11.a3 Re8 12.Re1 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Qa4 Bf6 15.Rbc1 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxg2 17.Ne6 Rxe6 18.Kxg2 c6 19.Qe4 Be7 20.Rc4 g6 21.g4 Bg5 22.Rh1 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Qd5+ 24.f3 b5 25.Rc2 Qd4 26.Qe4 Rf8 0.60/21
[26...a4= 0.08/21]
27.Qxd4 exd4± Endgame. KRR-KRR
28.a4 Rfe8
[Don't play 28...bxa4 29.Ra1±]
29.Kf2 Re5 30.axb5 Rxb5 31.Ra1 g5 32.b3 c5 33.Ra4 h6 34.Rca2 Rxb3 35.Rxa5 Rc3 The position is equal.
36.Ra8 Rxa8 37.Rxa8+= KR-KR
37...Kg7 38.Rc8 Rc1 39.Rc6 f6 40.h3 Kg6 41.Re6 Kf7 42.Re4 Rh1 43.Kg2 Re1 44.Kf2 Rh1 45.Kg2 Re1 46.Kf2 Rh1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

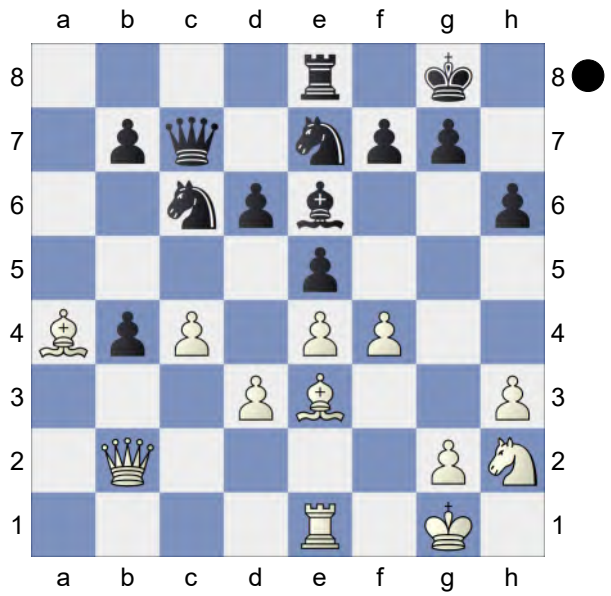
C50

□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**
■ **Liang,Awonder** **2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (7.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.a3 h6**
[7...0-0 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.d4 c6 15.Re1 b5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qh5 e4 18.f3 b4 19.fxe4 dxe4 20.Rxe4 Ra5 21.Qh6 Qd5 22.Rf4 1-0 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2778)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2749) Hania 1994 (9)]
8.b4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.0-0 Ne7N**
[9...Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.c4 Ne7 13.Bb2 Ng6 14.Rc1 c6 15.g3 Bc7 16.Kg2 Qd7 17.Qb3 Rd8 18.b5 Nh5 19.d4 Ba5 20.Re3 exd4 21.Nxd4 Bd2 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Rc2 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 0-1 Alekseenko,K (2677)-Svane,R (2633) Crunchlab PlayIn Match D3 Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.3)]
10.h3 Ng6 11.Re1 Re8 12.Bb3 c6 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.a4 Be6 15.c4 c5 16.Bd2
[16.Be3 keeps more tension. Nh5 17.Kh2 Nhf4 18.Ng1]
16...Nd7
[16...Nh5 feels hotter. 17.Bc2 Nhf4 18.Kh2 Bd7]
17.Nh2 Nb8 0.27/22
[17...cxb4 -0.17/20 feels stronger. 18.Bxb4 Nf4]
18.a5 -0.66/21
[18.b5= 0.27/22]
18...cxb4∓ 19.axb6 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Qxb6 21.Be3 Qc7 22.Ba4 Nc6 Strongly threatening ...Ra8. **23.Qb2 Nge7** -0.49/21
[Better is 23...Rb8∓ -0.88/20 24.Bb5 f5]
24.f4 -1.53/20
[24.Nf3∓ -0.49/21]

(Diagram)

White is on the road to losing.
24...exf4!∓ 25.Bxf4 Ra8 26.Bc2 -2.44/22
[⌓26.Bxc6 -1.61/21 Nxc6 27.Nf3]
26...Ng6-+ 27.Be3 Ra3 And now ... Nge5 would win. **28.Nf3** -2.52/21
[28.Bb1 -1.80/20 was called for.]
28...Qa5 29.Nd2 -2.98/22
[⌓29.Bb1 -1.87/18]
29...Nh4 30.Nb3? -4.23/23



[30.Rf1 -2.42/20]

30...Qh5 31.Bd1 Qg6 32.Kh2 Ne5 33.Nc1 Rxd3

[33...Nxd3? 34.Nxd3 Rxd3 35.Qf2 Qxe4 36.Ba7 Qxg2+ *(36...Qxc4? 37.Be2-+)* 37.Qxg2 Nxg2 38.Kxg2-+]

34.Qf2 Qxe4 35.Bg5? -7.77/23

[35.Bc2 -3.63/22 Nef3+ 36.gxf3 Nxf3+ *(36...Qxc4?* too greedy. *37.Bxd3 Nxf3+ 38.Qxf3+-)* 37.Kg3 Nxe1 38.Bxd3 Nxd3 39.Nxd3 Qg6+ *(39...Qxd3? 40.Qd2-+; 39...Bxc4 40.Nxb4 g5 41.Kh2∓)* 40.Kh2 Qxd3 41.Qd2]

(Diagram)

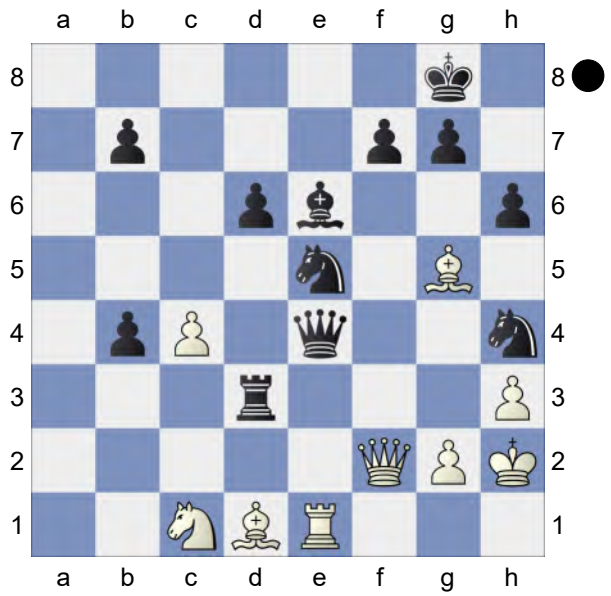
35...Rxh3+!! Black is clearly winning.

36.Kg1

[36.gxh3 Nef3+]

36...Qxg2+ 37.Qxg2 Nxg2 38.Kxg2 hxg5 39.c5 Rc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.13 (very precise)

0-1



B31

□ **Mishra,Abhimanyu 2630**

■ **Shankland,Sam 2677**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (7.2)

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2

♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011) 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 a6 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.h3 cxd4 10.cxd4 c5 11.d5

[11.dxc5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nxe4∓]

11...b5 12.Nc3 White wants to play e5. **12...Bb7 13.Bf4** White has an edge. **13...Re8 14.Qc2 e6 15.d6 Nd7 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Bg5 Qa5** White should prevent ...b4. **18.a3 Bc6 19.Ra1 Qb6 20.Be7 c4 21.Rad1 a5 22.Ne2! Bb7!** This pair of bishops is nice. **23.Ned4 b4 24.e5 b3 25.Qc1** -0.97/18

[25.Qc3∓ -0.50/20]

(Diagram)

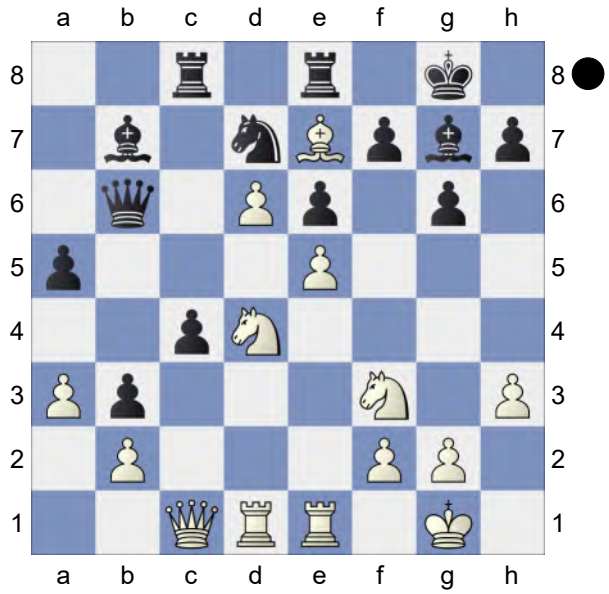
25...Qc5!∓ 26.Qf4 -1.44/20

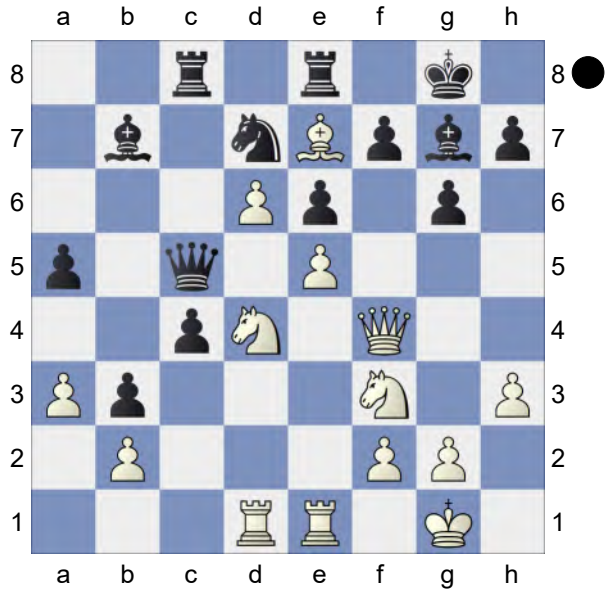
[⊿26.Re3 -0.81/19]

(Diagram)

26...Rxe7!! 27.dxe7 Qxe7 28.Rc1 -1.87/20

[28.Nd2∓ -0.78/20]





28...Rc5 Black has strong compensation. **29.a4 h6 30.h4 Bd5** -1.37/20

[30...Nb6-+ -1.96/20 31.Ra1 Nd5 *(31...c3 32.bxc3 b2* Deflection *33.Rab1=)*]

31.Nd2 Nb6 32.Ne4 Nxa4 0.01/24

[32...Bxe4∓ -1.60/20 33.Qxe4 Qd7 *(33...Rxe5 34.Nc6±; 33...Nxa4 34.Nxb3 Rd5 35.Qxc4=)*]

33.Nxc5 -0.77/22

[33.Nf6+= 0.01/24 Bxf6 34.exf6]

33...Nxc5 34.Re3 Nd3 35.Rxd3 cxd3

36.Nf3 Qb7↑ Black has strong initiative.
37.Rd1 -2.45/22
[37.Rc3∓ -1.01/24 keeps fighting.]
37...Bxf3 38.gxf3-+ Endgame. KQR-KQB **38...Qb5 39.Qe4 Bxe5**
[39...Qxe5 40.Qxd3 a4 *(40...Qxb2 41.Rb1=)* 41.Qc4∓]
40.Qxd3 Qb4 -0.37/26
[40...Qxd3-+ -1.75/22 41.Rxd3 a4 *(41...Bxb2 42.Rxb3 Bf6 43.h5=)* 42.Rd8+ Kg7]
41.h5∓ g5 -0.05/25
[41...Bxb2 42.hxg6 Bg7 43.Qd8+ Qf8 44.Qb6= *(44.Qxa5 b2∓)*]
[41...gxh5∓ -0.95/25 42.Qd8+ Kh7]
42.Qd8+? -1.67/25
[42.Rc1!= -0.05/25 Kg7 *(42...Bxb2? 43.Rc8++-)* 43.Rc8]
42...Kg7-+ 43.Rd7? -3.85/24
[43.Qe8∓ -1.20/24 was the only defense. Bd4 *(43...Bxb2 44.Rd8+-)* 44.Kg2]
43...g4
[43...Bxb2? 44.Qe8 Qf8 *(44...Qf4? 45.Rd8+-)* 45.Qxe6+-]
44.Qe8 Qf4 -0.24/27
[44...gxf3 45.Rxf7#]
[44...Qe1+-+ -3.33/26 45.Kg2 gxf3+ Deflection *(45...Bxb2 46.Rxf7#)* 46.Kxf3 Qh1+ *(46...Bxb2 47.Rxf7#)* 47.Ke3 Qxh5]
45.Qxe6= Qh2+
[45...Bxb2 46.Qxb3 *(46.Qxg4+? Qxg4+ 47.fxg4 a4-+)* 46...Be5 47.Qe3=]
46.Kf1 Qh1+
[46...Bxb2 47.Rxf7+ Kh8 48.Qe8#]
47.Ke2 Qxf3+
[47...Bxb2 48.Rxf7+ Kh8 49.Qe8#]
48.Ke1 The board is on fire. **48...Qe4+**
[Stronger than 48...Bxb2 49.Qg6+ Kf8 50.Rd8+ Ke7 51.Qd6#]
49.Kf1 Qh1+ 50.Ke2 Qxh5 White must now prevent ...g3+.
[Inferior is 50...Bxb2 51.Rxf7+ Kh8 52.Qe8#]
51.Qxb3 Qg6 -0.01/23
[51...g3+∓ -0.39/25 52.Qf3 Qg6 *(52...Qxf3+ 53.Kxf3 gxf2 54.Kxf2=)* 53.fxg3 Bxb2]
52.Rd3 -0.53/21
[52.Ra7= -0.01/23]
52...Bf6 53.Qd5 -0.67/23
[53.Kf1= -0.21/23 is more appropriate.]
53...a4 -0.10/24
[53...Bxb2∓ -0.67/23 54.Rb3 Bf6 *(54...Qc2+ 55.Kf1=)*]
54.Qc4 h5 55.Qxa4 Bxb2 56.Qf4 h4 57.Rd6 Qh5 Hoping for ...h3. **58.Kf1 h3 59.Kg1** -0.49/27
[59.Rd1!= -0.05/22]
59...Be5∓ 60.Rd5 Bxf4 61.Rxh5 KR-KB **61...Kg6 62.Rh4 Kg5** -0.01/30
[62...f5∓ -0.43/30 should be considered. 63.Rh8 Be5]
63.Rh7!= The position is equal. **63...f5 64.f3! h2+ 65.Kg2 g3 66.Rg7+ Kf6 67.Ra7 Be3 68.Ra5 Kg5 69.Ra4 f4 70.Ra5+ Kf6 71.Rb5 Ke6 72.Ra5 Bd4 73.Rb5 Kd6 74.Ra5 Bc5 75.Ra4 Be3 76.Re4 Kd5 77.Kh1 Kd6 78.Kg2 Kd5 79.Kh1 Kd6 80.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

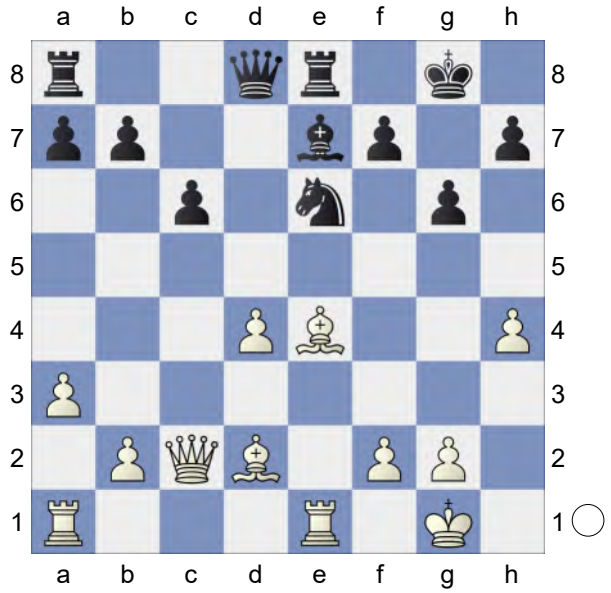
E46
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2689**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (7.3)
[Kitty Kat]

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4**

e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 c6 10.Qc2 Re8 11.0-0N

[11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.f4 d4 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.exd4 Qxd4 16.0-0-0 Ne3 17.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 18.Kb1 Qxf4 19.Rhf1 Qh6 20.Bf5 Be6 21.Rd3 Kg8 22.Rh3 Bxf5 23.Rxf5 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qe6 25.Ne4 Rad8 0-1 Anton Guijarro,D (2670)-Niemann,H (2689) Chess.com Play-In Match Div 3 chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.2)]

11...Bd6 Prevents Ne5. **12.Rfe1 Nf8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4** The position is equal. **15.Bxe4 Be6 16.Ng5 g6! 17.h4 Be7 18.Nxe6 Nxe6**



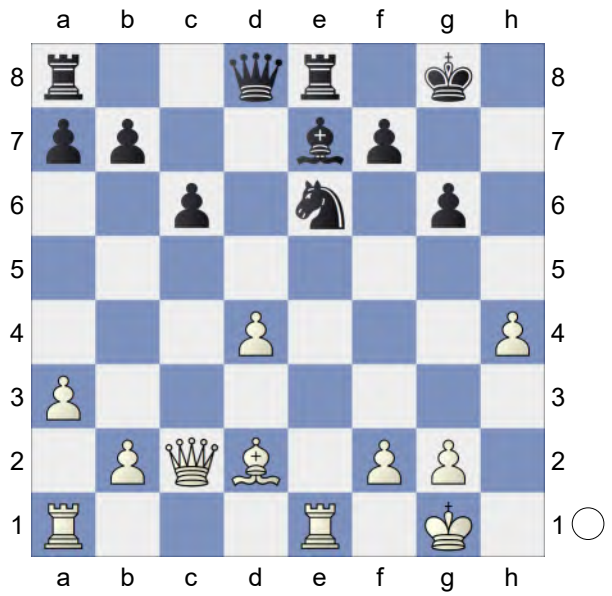
19.Bxg6! hxg6

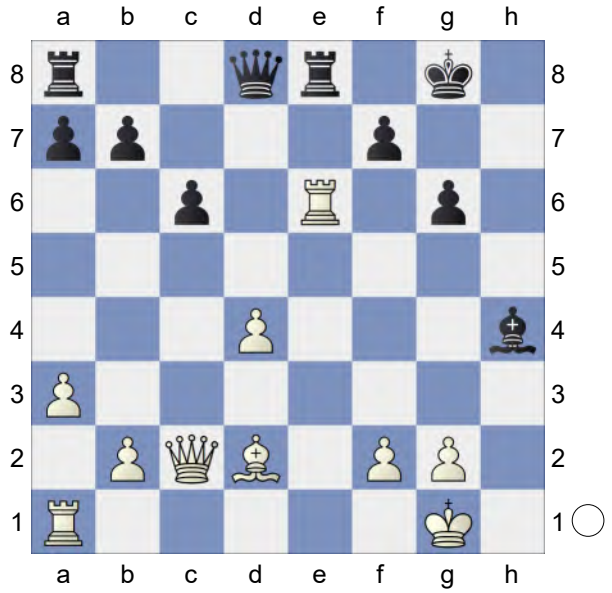
(Diagram)

20.Rxe6! Black must now prevent Rae1! Deflection **20...Bxh4**

(Diagram)

21.Rxg6+ Demolition **21...fxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kh8!** aiming for ...Re7!





23.Qh6+ Kg8 24.Qg6+ Kh8! Strongly threatening ...Re7! **25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+** Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

C55

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2738**
■ **So,Wesley** **2751**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (7.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C24: Bishop's Opening: 2...Nf6 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.a3N** 0.01/20

[8.c3⩲ 0.42/18]

[8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 *(9.Bb3 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Qxd4 exd4 12.Bf4 Bf5 13.Nd2 Kd7 14.Bxc7 Bc5 15.Bg3 a5 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 Rhe8 18.Rae1 Rxe4 19.Rxe4 Re8 20.Rxe8 Kxe8 21.a4 Kd7 22.Bf4 Kc6 23.Kf1 Nd7* ½-½ Esipenko,A (2682)-Nihal,S (2681) Global Chess League Dubai rapid 2023 (1.6)*)* 9...0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf5 17.Nxe5 Bxe4 18.Nd3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nb4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.c3 Nd3 24.b3 Nb2 25.Bxc7 Rd3* 1-0 Arjun,K (2505)-Sai Agni,J (2226) Elllobregat op 3rd Sant Boi de Llobregat 2022 (7)*)* 11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 fxe5 14.Re1 Rae8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nxe5 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Bd2 c5 19.b3 Bf5 20.Nc6 a6 21.Bc3 Nd5 22.Be5 Bd7 ½-½ Coll Sola,J (2667)-Ozenir,E (2513) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (10.1)]

[8.Bb3 a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 Nc5 20.Qe2 Nb8 21.Rad1 Nba6 22.Nxd6+ cxd6 1-0 Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 Scheveningen (9.5)]

8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 0.49/20

[11...Qd6= 0.13/21]

12.Ba2⩲ c5 1.13/20

[12...Qd6⩲ 0.43/21]

13.Be6 0.25/20

[13.d4± 1.13/20]

13...Qd6 14.Bf5 Rd8 15.Qe2 0-0 16.Qe4 g6 17.Bg4 Bxg4 18.hxg4 Nc6 19.Bh6 Rfe8

[19...Rf7 simplifies 20.Rab1 Qd7 21.a4 b6]

20.Nh4 0.05/21

[White should play 20.g5⩲ 0.56/22]

20...Bf8 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Nf3 Kg7 23.Nd2 b6 24.Nc4 Qd5 0.46/22

[24...Qd7= 0.01/20]

25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.a4 Rd7 27.Rab1 f5 28.gxf5 gxf5 29.Re3 Re6 30.g3 Kf6 31.Kg2 h5 32.Rbe1 Rde7 33.Kh3 Re8 34.Kg2 R8e7 35.Rh1 Rh7 36.Re2 Rh8 37.Rhe1 -0.01/20

[37.Ne3⩲ 0.42/21]

37...Rhe8 38.Kh3 R6e7 The position is equal. **39.Re3 Re6 40.Kg2 R8e7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

C65

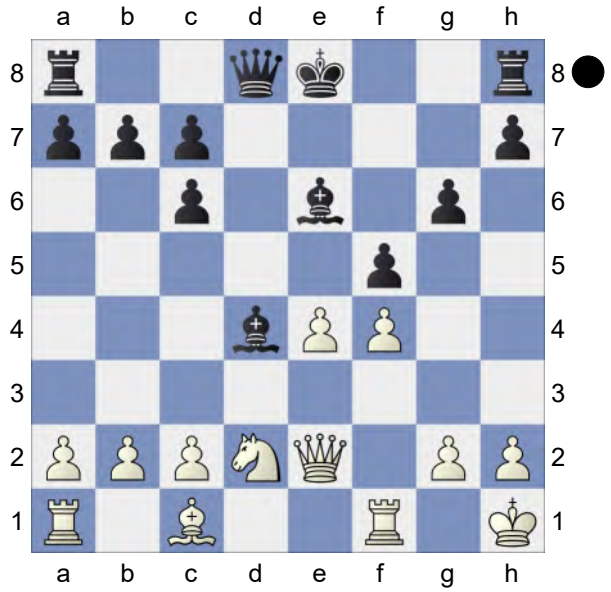
□ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (7.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 The main reason for annotating the game is the complete blind spot experienced by both the players on the 46th move when both

had enough time and Caruana missed a simple move that would either mate Grischuk or win a piece. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.0-0**

[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Be3 Qxe5-+]

6...Bd6 7.Nbd2 Be6 8.d4 White is slightly better. **8...Nd7 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.f4 Bd4+ 12.Kh1** Black should prevent f5. **12...f5 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qe2**



exf5 is the strong threat. **14...0-0 15.Rd1** Black must now prevent Nb3.

[15.Nf3 Bf6 16.e5 Be7 17.c4 c5 18.Be3 Qd7 19.b3 Rad8 20.Rad1 Qc6 21.Nd2 Rd7 22.Nb1 Rfd8 23.Nc3 b6 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Rd1 Kf7 26.Kg1 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qd7 28.Qe2 Qd8 29.h3 Qd7 ½-½ Heinemann,T (2424)-Dankhazi,A (2342) AUT-chT2M 2425 Austria 2024 (3.2)]

15...Qe8N

[15...Bf6 16.Nf3 Qe8 17.e5 Be7 18.Nd4 Qf7 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Be3 Rfd8 21.a4 *(21.c4 a6 22.b3 Kf7 23.a4 Ke8 24.h3 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.Bc5 Kf7 28.Qd2 Bh4 29.Kh2 h5 30.a5 Qe8 31.Ba3 Qd8 32.Qb4 b6 33.Qc3 c5 34.Bb2 Qd1 35.e6+ Kxe6* ½-½ Caruana,F (2787)-Grischuk,A (2750) London Classic 7th 2015 (5)*)* 21...a5 22.h3 Kf7 23.b3 b6 24.c4 Ke8 25.Bf2 Rab8 26.Qc2 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Qd1 Be7 30.g4 ½-½ Motylev,A (2628)-Kozak,A (2549) Budapest Kallai Memorial Rapid 2022 (8) fxg4 31.hxg4 g5 32.Qd3 Qxg4 33.f5 Qh5+ 34.Kg2 Qg4+ 35.Kh2 Qh5+ 36.Kg2 Qg4+ 37.Kh2 Qh5+ 38.Kg2 ½-½ Novik (2628)-Maheswaran,P (2549) Rishon le Zion Rishon Le Zion 1993 (8)]

16.e5 Bc5 17.Nb3 Be7 18.Be3 Qf7 Black is weak on the dark squares **19.Nc5 Bc4 20.Qf2** aiming for b3. **20...b6 21.b3 Be6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qe2 a5 24.a4 Rfd8 25.h3 h5 26.Bf2 Rd5 27.c4 Rdd8 28.Qe1 Bb4 29.Qe2** -0.01/22

[29.Qe3± 0.47/24 deserves consideration.]

29...Be7!= 30.c5 bxc5 31.Qc2 0.09/23

[31.Rdc1± 0.49/22]

31...c4 0.86/23 **32.bxc4±**

[32.Qxc4?! Qxc4 33.bxc4 Kf7=]

32...Kf7 33.Be1 0.53/21

[33.Rab1± 0.95/21]

33...Bc5 1.39/22

[33...Rxd1!± 0.53/21 34.Rxd1 c5]

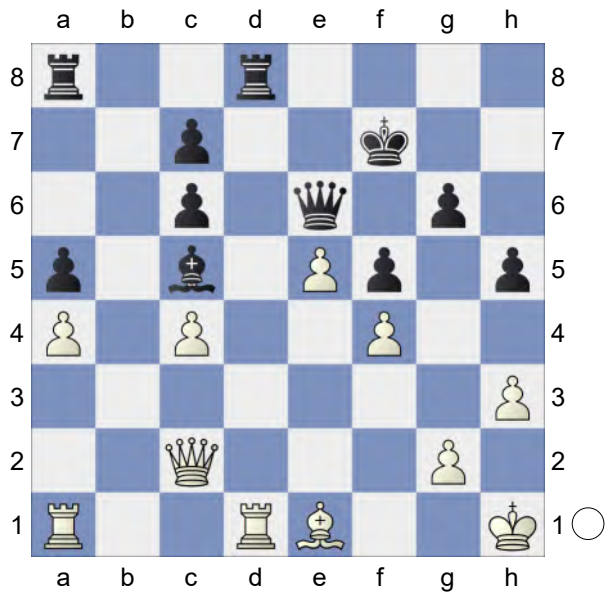
(Diagram)

34.Bh4!↑ White is on the roll. **34...Rdb8 35.Rd3** Against Be3 **35...Rb4** 2.98/21

[35...Be7 1.78/22 keeps fighting.]

36.Rad1+- Rxc4? 5.24/23

[36...Kg8 2.92/21 is a better defense.



37.Bf6 Re8]

37.Qb3 Re8 38.Rd7+ 1.95/22

[⌓38.Qb7 4.67/23 Rxf4 39.Qxc7+ Kg8 40.Rd8 *(40.Qxa5? Bb4-+; 40.Bf6 Qf7+-)*]

38...Kg8? 6.67/23

[38...Kf8 1.95/22]

39.Bf6 Threatening mate with Qg3.

[39.Rxc7 Rd4 40.Qb1 Rxd1+ 41.Qxd1 Rc8±]

39...Rxf4? 15.66/20

[39...Kf8 3.61/22 40.Kh2 *(40.Rxc7 Rd4+-)* 40...g5 *(40...Rxf4? 41.Qg3+-)* 41.fxg5 *(41.Bxg5 h4+-)* 41...Bd6 42.exd6 Qxd7 43.Qxc4 cxd6]

40.Qg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.39

[40.Rg7+ Kf8 41.Qg3 Qc4]

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C01

□ **Liang,Awonder** **2677**

■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2689**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (8.1)

[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Bg4 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 c6 10.c3 Qc7 11.Qc2 Rfe8 12.h3 Bh5 13.Rxe8+ Rxe8 14.Re1 Rxe1+ 15.Nxe1 a5N**

[15...Bg6 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Nef3 *(17.Qd3 Nf8 18.Qf3 N6d7 19.Nd3 Ne6 20.Bh4 f6 21.Bg3 Ndf8 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.fxg3 Kf7 25.Kf2 g5 26.Nb3 Ke7 27.Ke3 Nd8 28.h4 gxh4 29.gxh4 Nfe6 30.Nf4 Nc7 31.g4 Ne8* ½-½ Salvatti, D (1967)-Kessler,A (2281) Unna op 2002 (2) *)* 17...Nf8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Qa4 a6 20.Nf1 Ne6 21.g3 f5 22.Kg2 f4 23.g4 c5 24.Qe8+ Kg7 25.g5 cxd4 26.cxd4 Qe7 27.Qc8 Nxg5 28.N1d2 Bb4 29.h4 Ne4 30.Nf1 1-0 Forgacs,P-Schmall,J MN/043 corr ICCF 1997 Nd6 31.Qg4 Qe4 32.h5 Nf5 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.a3 Bd6 35.N1d2 Qe2 36.Qg5 Ne3+ 37.Kg1 Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Nf1+ 39.Nxf1 Qxf3 40.Kg1 Qh3 41.Qg2 Qxg2+ 42.Kxg2 Bc7 43.Nd2 Bb6 44.Nb3 Kf6 45.f3 0-1 Geshko,A-6.♗c4 ♘b6 7.♗b3 d5 8.ed (ol) 42/235 Dubai 1986 (14)]

16.a4 Bg6 17.Nef3 Kf8 0.17/20

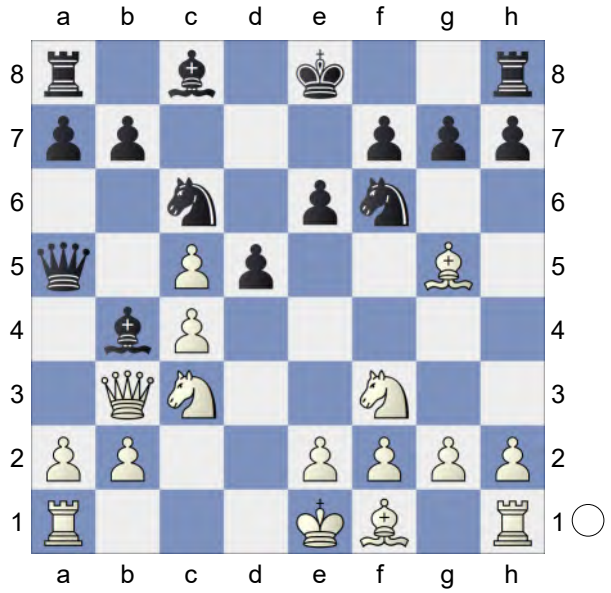
[17...Bxd3 -0.25/20 deserves consideration. 18.Qxd3 h6]

18.Nh4 The position is equal. **18...Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Bf4 20.Bxf4 Qxf4 21.g3 Qd6 22.Kg2 g6 23.Nhf3 Nb6 24.Qc2 Nbd7 25.Qd3 Nb6 26.Qc2 Nbd7 27.Qd3 Nb6** Not much happened in this

game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

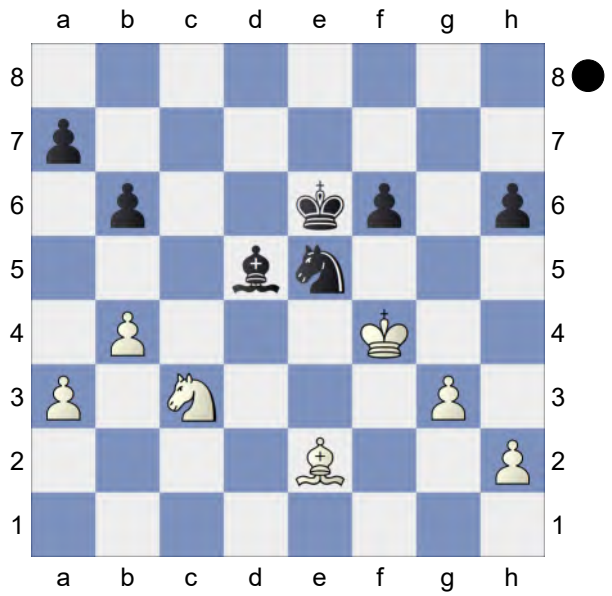
D38
□ **So,Wesley** **2751**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (8.2)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Rapport won a nice attacking game in his usual creative style. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg5 Qa5**



Hoping for ...d4. **8.Bxf6 dxc4** White is slightly better. **9.Qxc4 gxf6 10.Rc1! Qxc5 11.Qh4 Bxc3+N** 0.67/22
[Black should try 11...Ke7= 0.14/21 12.g3 *(12.e3 Bxc3+ 13.Rxc3 Qb6 14.Nd2 Qxb2 15.Ne4 Qb1+ 16.Ke2 Qb2+* #7 12) 5th Move Alternatives-5. Qb3 c5 6.dxc5*)* 12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 *(13.Rxc3 Qb4 14.Qxb4+ Nxb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Rc1 Bd7 17.Bg2 Rac8 18.0-0 Nb6 19.Nd4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Nb5 a5 23.b3 Bd7 24.Nc3 Bc8 25.Nb5 Bd7 26.Nc3 Bc8 27.Kf1 Nd7* ½-½ Xie,K (2278)-Xu,Z (2510) CHN-chT DivA Fuling 2023 (7.5)*)* 13...b6 14.Bg2 Ba6 *(14...Bb7 15.0-0 h5 16.Nd4 Rac8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.Rfd1 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qg5 20.d5 Qxh4 21.d6+ Ke8 22.dxc7 Qc4 23.Rbc1 Qxc1 24.Rxc1 Bc8 25.Rd1 Ke7 26.h4 e5 27.Bf3 Be6 28.Rc1 Bc8 29.Rd1* ½-½ Radjabov,T (2793)-Leko, P (2744) Zug FIDE GP 2013 (4)*)* 15.Nd2 Rac8 16.Ne4 Qf5 17.g4 Qg6 18.f4 Nd4 19.Rd1 Nc2+ 20.Kf2 Rhd8 21.Bf3 h6 22.Ng3 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc4 24.Nh5 Bb5 25.Qg3 Qg8 26.f5 e5 1-0 Rapport,R (2701)-Gajewski,G (2650) HUN-POL Friendly Match m 2014 Budapest HUN (2.3)]
12.Rxc3± Qb4 13.Qxb4 0.09/19
[13.Qxf6± 0.67/21 Rg8 14.Ng5]
13...Nxb4= 14.a3 Nd5 15.Rc2 Bd7! 16.e4 Nb6 17.Bd3 Ke7 0.63/20
[17...0-0= 0.12/19]
18.Ke2± Rac8 19.Rhc1 e5 20.Nd2 Rxc2 21.Rxc2 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Bxc8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **23.Ke3 Be6 24.f4 exf4+ 25.Kxf4 Nd7 26.Nf3 Kd6 27.Bb5 Nf8 28.e5+** 0.14/23
[28.b4± 0.50/23]
28...fxe5+= 29.Nxe5 f6 30.Nf3 Ng6+ 31.Ke3 Ne5 32.Nd2 Bd5 33.g3 h6 34.b4 0.01/25
[34.Ne4+± 0.38/22 deserves consideration. Ke7 35.Nd2]
34...b6 35.Be2 Ke6 36.Kf4 Ke7 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.Kf4 Ke7 39.Kf5 Be6+ 40.Ke4 Kd6 41.Kf4 Bd5 42.Ne4+
[42.Kf5!? Ke7□ 43.h4=]
42...Ke6 43.Nc3

(Diagram)



Nxd5 is the strong threat. **43...Bc4 44.Bd1 f5 45.Ke3 Ba6 46.a4 Bf1 47.h4 Nc6 48.b5 Ne5 49.Kd4 a6 50.Nd5 axb5 51.axb5 Kd6! 52.Ne3 Bd3 53.Bh5 Be4 54.Be2** White wants to play g4. **54...Bb1** 0.76/28

[54...Ke6= 0.07/30 keeps the balance.]

55.Nd5 0.03/23

[55.h5± 0.76/28]

55...Nd7 56.Bf1 Be4 57.Ne3 Bh3 would now be deadly. **57...Ne5! 58.Be2 Bb1 59.h5 Nd7 60.Nc4+** 0.28/25

[60.g4± 0.84/27]

60...Ke7 61.Bf3 0.00/28

[61.Ke3!± 0.38/26]

61...Ba2! The position is equal. **62.Ne3 Be6 63.Bd5 Nc5 64.Nc4 Nd7 65.Ne5** aiming for Bxe6. **65...Nxe5 66.Kxe5** KB-KB **66...Bd7 67.Bc6** And now Bxd7 would win. **67...Be6 68.Bd5 Bd7 69.Bc4 Be8 70.Be2 Bd7 71.Bf1 Be6 72.Be2 Bd7 73.Bf1 Be6 74.Be2 Bd7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2741**
■ **Oparin,Grigoriy 2662**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (8.3)
[Kitty Kat]

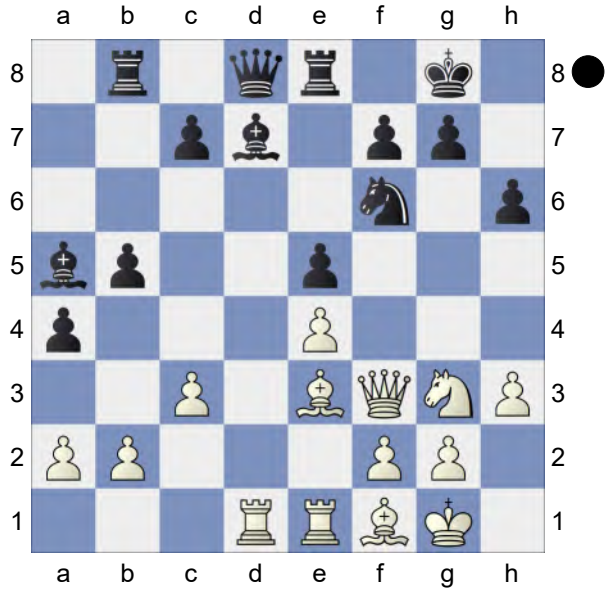
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 a5 7.Re1 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0** White is slightly better. **9.h3 Bd7N**

[9...Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Ncd2 Bb6 13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 c6 19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 23.Bf2 a4 24.a3 ½-½ Niemann, H (2675)-Tari,A (2635) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (5)]

10.Nf1 a4 11.d4 Bb6 12.Ng3 Re8 13.Bf1 Ba5 14.dxe5

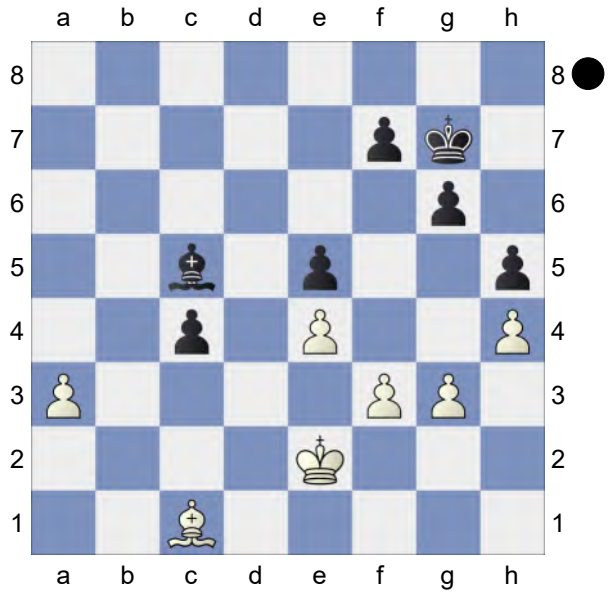
[14.Qxa4? loses. Bxc3-+]

14...Nxe5 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qf3 Rb8 18.Rad1



Hoping for Nf5. **18...Qe7!** The position is equal. **19.a3 Be6 20.Nf5 Bxf5**

21.Qxf5 c6
[21...g6!? 22.Qf3□ Kg7=]
22.Rd3 g6 23.Qf3 Kg7 24.Red1 Red8 Repels Rd6 **25.g3 Rxd3 26.Bxd3 Bb6 27.Bc1 Rd8 28.Kg2 Ne8 29.h4 Qe6 30.Qe2 Nd6 31.Bc2 h5 32.Bg5 Rd7 33.Rd3 Ne8 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 35.b3 axb3 36.Bxb3 Bd8 37.Bc1 Nf6 38.f3 Bb6 39.Qd2 Qxd2+ 40.Bxd2=** Endgame. KBB-KBN **40...Ne8 41.c4 Bc5 42.cxb5 cxb5 43.Bc1 Nd6 44.Kf1 Nc4 45.Bxc4 bxc4** KB-KB **46.Ke2**



a4 would now be deadly. **46...Kf6 47.a4** Black must now prevent a5. **47...Ke6 48.a5** And now Be3 would win. **48...Kd7 49.Be3 Bb4 50.a6** Strongly threatening a7. **50...Kc6 51.f4 exf4 52.gxf4 Be7 53.Bf2**
[53.a7!? Kb7□ 54.Bf2±]
53...Bd6 54.f5
[54.a7!? Kb7□ 55.f5=]
54...gxf5 55.exf5 Be7 56.Kf3
[56.a7!? Kb7□ 57.Kd2=]
56...Bf6 57.Ke4
[57.a7!? Kb7□ 58.Ke2=]
57...Kc7 58.Kf3
[58.a7!? Kb7□ 59.Kf3=]
58...Kc6 59.Ke2
[59.a7!? Kb7□ 60.Ke2±]
59...Be7 60.Kd2 aiming for Kc3.
[60.a7!? Kb7□ 61.Kd2±]
60...Bf6 61.Kc2 Kc7 62.Kd2
[62.a7!? Kb7□ 63.Kd1=]
62...Kc6 63.Kc2 Kc7 64.Kd2
[64.a7!? Kb7□ 65.Kc1=]
64...Kc6 65.Kc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

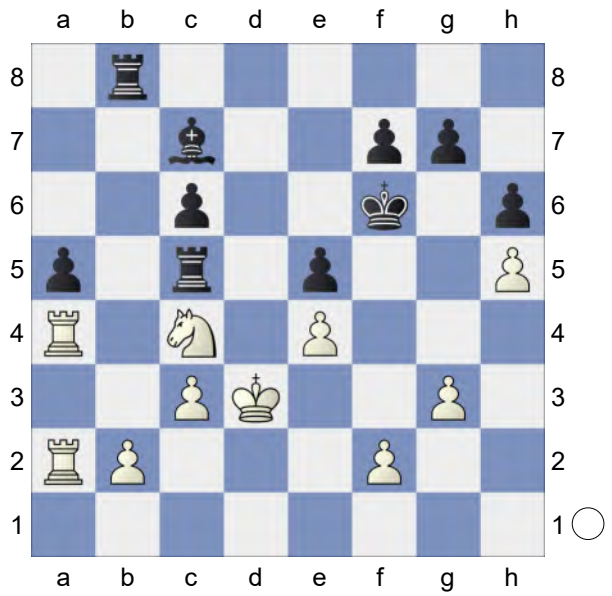
C50
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**
■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu 2630**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (8.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.h3** Against Ng4 **8...h6 9.Nbd2 Ne7** White has an edge. **10.Bb3**
[10.d4 Nc6 11.a4 a5 12.Ra3 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Rd3 Be5 16.Nf3 Qe7 17.Nh4 Nd5 18.Qh5 Nf6 19.Ng6 Nxh5 20.Nxe7+ Kh7 21.g4 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Bxf4 23.Nd5 Be6 24.Nxf4 Bxc4 Aronian,L (2785)-Oparin,G (2674) 153/(126) Berlin 2022]
10...c6 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nc4N
[12.Nf1 Be6 *(12...Re8 13.Ng3 Qc7 14.Bc2 Be6 15.Be3 Rad8 16.a4 Qc8 17.Kh2 Bc7 18.Qc1 Kh7 19.a5 a6* Ibrahimova,S (2168)-Tarasova,V (2300) Beograd 119/(100) 2013*)* 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.Be3 Rad8 16.a4 Bc7 17.a5 a6 18.Qc1 d5 19.Bxh6 exd4 20.e5 Ne4 21.Nh5

Bxh3 22.Bxe4 Qg4 23.Ng3 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.gxh3 Qxh3 26.Bf4 dxe4 16 Chapter Exercises-Games Chapter - Exercises 41-49 Game -]
[12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 d5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Qh5 Re6 B3) Italian – Old Main Line-Italian – Old Main Line 4.c]
12...Bc7 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.a4 a5 16.Na3 Rb8 17.Bc4 Bd7 18.Bf1 Be6 19.Nc4 Ra8 20.g3 b5 21.Na3 bxa4 22.Nc4 Nd7 23.Be3 Dodges Nc5 **23...Bxc4 24.Bxc4 Bb6 25.Bc1**
[25.Rxa4 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Nb6-+]
25...Nc5 26.h4 Nd3 0.65/25
[26...Bc7= -0.02/20]
27.Bxd3± Rxd3 28.Kg2 Bc7 29.Nd2 Rb8 30.Nc4 Nf8 31.Rxa4 Rb5 32.Be3 Ne6 33.Rea1 Rd8 34.h5
[34.Nxa5?! Rxb2 35.Nxc6 Rd3 36.Ne7+ Kh7±]
34...Rdb8 35.Kf3
[35.Nxa5 Rxa5 36.Rxa5 Bxa5 37.Rxa5 Rxb2±]
35...Kf8 36.R1a2 White is more active.
[36.Nxa5 Bxa5 37.Rxa5 Rxa5 38.Rxa5 Rxb2 39.Rxe5 Rc2±]
36...Ke7 37.Ke2 Nc5 38.Bxc5+ Rxc5 39.Kd3
[39.Nxa5?! Bxa5 40.Rxa5 *(40.b4 Bxb4 41.cxb4 Rc3=)* 40...Rxa5 41.Rxa5 Rxb2+ 42.Ke3 Kf6±]
39...Kf6

(Diagram)

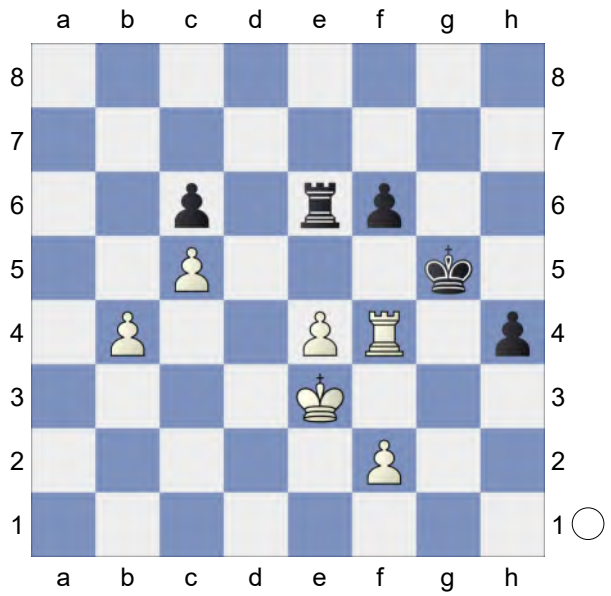
40.Kc2!
[40.Nxa5?! Rxa5 41.Rxa5 Bxa5 42.Rxa5 Rxb2=]
40...Kg5 41.Nxa5 b4 is the strong threat. **41...Bxa5** 2.37/19
[41...Kxh5± 1.31/20 was worth a try.



42.Nc4 *(42.b4 Rxb4 43.Rxb4 Bxa5±)* 42...Kg5]
42.Rxa5+- Rxa5 43.Rxa5 Kxh5 44.Rxe5+± Endgame. KR-KR **44...Kg4 45.Rf5 f6 46.b4 Rd8 47.c4 h5 48.Kc3 Rd6 49.c5 Re6 50.Kd4** 1.75/22
[⌓50.Rf4+ 3.50/22 Kg5 51.b5]
50...g5? 5.37/21
[50...Re8 1.75/22 51.b5 cxb5]
51.Ke3+- h4 52.gxh4 gxh4 53.Rf4+ 1.97/23
[⌓53.f3+ 4.86/26 Kg3 54.Rf4]
53...Kg5

(Diagram)

54.Kf3? 0.03/34
[54.f3!+- 3.15/27 Black must now prevent Rg4+. Re8 55.Rg4+ Kh5 56.Kf4]
54...Re8= 55.Rg4+ Kh5 56.Rg7 Hoping for Kf4. **56...h3 57.Rg3 h2 58.Rh3+ Kg6! 59.Rxh2 Rb8 60.Kg4** Strongly threatening f4. **60...Rxb4 61.f3 f5+ 62.Kf4 Rc4 63.Ke5 fxe4 64.fxe4 Rxc5+ 65.Kd6 Ra5 66.e5 c5 67.e6 c4 68.Rg2+**



[68.Re2!? Ra6+□ 69.Ke5 Ra5+ 70.Kd6 Ra6+ 71.Ke5 Ra5+ 72.Kd6=]

68...Kf5? 10.71/24 Loses the game.

[68...Kf6= 0.03/21]

69.e7 Ra6+ 70.Kd5 Ra5+ 71.Kd4!

[Inferior is 71.Kxc4 Re5=]

71...Ra8 72.Rf2+

[Stronger than 72.Kxc4 Ke6=]

72...Ke6 73.Rf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)

[Worse is 73.Kxc4 Kxe7 74.Kb3 Rh8=]

1-0

B23

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2738**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2693**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (8.5)
[Kitty Kat]

B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0**

[7...Bd7 8.h3 Nc6 9.Nde2 h5 10.Bg5 b5 11.0-0 Qc8 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne5 14.h4 0-0 15.Nd4 Re8 16.Re1 b4 17.a3 Rb8 18.axb4 Rxb4 19.Nc6 Bxc6 20.dxc6 Rxb2 21.Rxa7 Nxc6 22.Bxc6 0-1 5.dc5 ♗c5 6. ♗f4_44689 (2541)-Ferri,S (2645) 42/634 Winnipeg 1986 (7)]

8.h3N

[8.0-0 Bg4 *(8...Nc6 9.Nde2 Rb8 10.a4 b6 11.h3 Ba6 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Re1 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.f4 b5 17.Kh2 Rfc8 18.Rd2 Nf6 19.e5 dxe5 20.fxe5 Qxe5 21.Bf4 Qxc3 22.Bxb8 Rxb8 23.Qe1* 15 Chapter B50-Games Chapter B50 Game *)* 9.Nde2 Nc6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Nd5 Rc8 12.a4 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne5 14.Ra2 Nc4 15.b3 Na5 16.Be3 a6 17.Qd2 Qc7 18.Qb4 Vienna Variation,W (2508)-Miettinen,S (2527) B1) 11...Nf6]

8...Nc6 9.Be3 Bd7 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Kh2 Rb8 13.Rb1 c5 14.Re1 Re8 15.Qd2 Bc6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qa6 18.a3 Rb7 19.b4 Reb8 20.Rb3 cxb4 21.axb4 Qc4 Against c3 **22.Kg1 Rc8**

[22...Rxb4? 23.Bf1 Qe4 24.Bxa7 *(24.f3 Qe5+-)* 24...Rxb3 25.Rxe4 *(25.cxb3 Qb4=)* 25...Nxe4 26.Qf4+-]

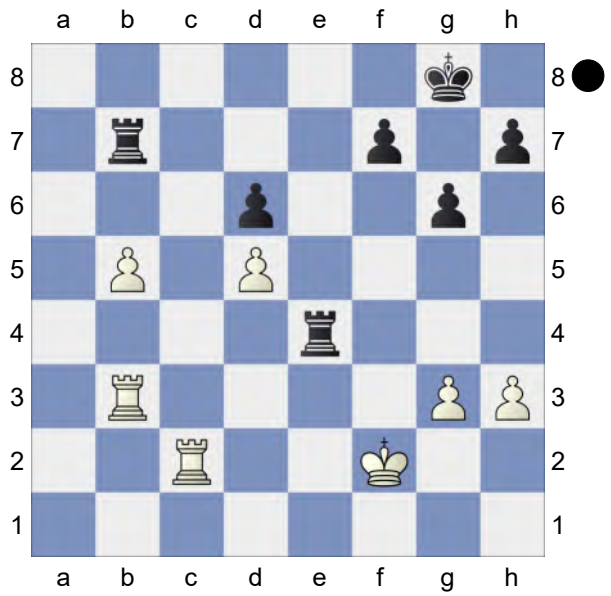
23.Re2 Ne4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4 25.Bg5 Qd4 26.Qxd4

[26.Bxe7? loses. Qxd2 27.Rxd2 Rxe7-+]

26...Bxd4 27.Bxe7 Re8 28.Rd2! Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rexe7= Endgame. KRR-KRR **30.c4 Re4** The position is equal. **31.Rc2 a6 32.b5 axb5 33.cxb5**

(Diagram)

And now Rc6 would win. **33...Rd4 34.b6 Kg7! 35.Rb5 Kf6 36.Ke3 Ke5 37.Rc8** Strongly threatening Re8+. **37...Rd1**



38.g4 Rh1 39.Re8+ Kf6 White must now prevent ...Re1+. **40.Kf4 Rxh3** ...g5+ is the strong threat. **41.g5+ Kg7 42.Rd8 h5** Hoping for ...Re7. **43.gxh6+ Rxh6 44.Kg3 g5 45.Rc8 Rh8 46.Rxh8 Kxh8** KR-KR **47.Kg4 Kg7 48.Kxg5 Kf8 49.Kf5**

[49.Kf6!? Ke8□ 50.Rb3+-]

49...Ke8 50.Ke4 Kd8 51.Kd4 Kc8 52.Rb1 Threatens to win with Kc4. **52...Rb8 53.Rc1+**

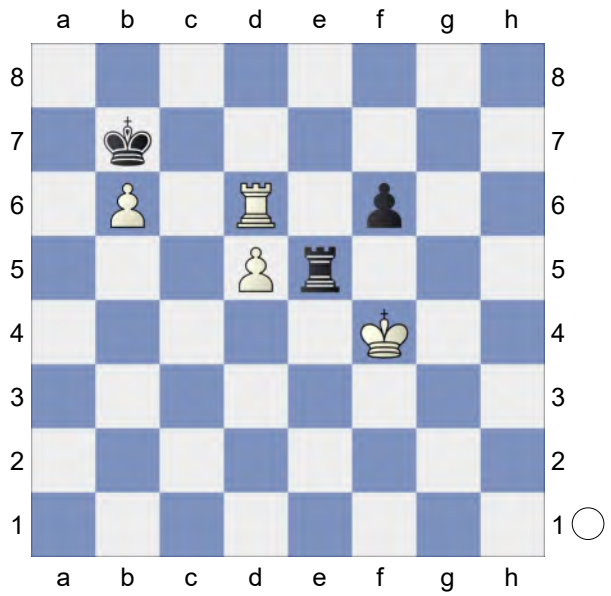
[53.Kc4!? Kb7□ 54.Rf1=]

53...Kb7 54.Rc6 Rd8 55.Ke4 Re8+ 56.Kf4 Re5 57.Rxd6 f6

(Diagram)

Deflection **58.Rxf6 Rxd5 59.Rf5 Rxf5+ 60.Kxf5 Kxb6** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½



A33

□ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**

■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2741**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (9.1)

[Kitty Kat]

A33: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nc3 Nc6 **1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6 6.g3 Qb6 7.Nb3 Ne5 8.e4 Bb4 9.Qe2 d6! 10.Bd2 a5!** Threatening ...a4.

[10...0-0 11.f4 Nc6 12.0-0-0 e5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Bxd2+ 15.Qxd2 Nb4 16.Kb1 Bd7 17.a3 Na6 18.Na5 Nc5 19.Nc4 Qc7 20.fxe5 dxe5 21.Qe3 f6 22.Rc1 Rac8 23.Be2 b5 24.Nd2 Qb6 25.Rc2 0-1 Lim,H (2580)-Martincevic, N (2550) 53/65 Amantea 1991 (10)]

11.f4 Nc6 Strongly threatening ...a4. **12.Be3** The position is equal.

[12.Na4 Bxd2+ 13.Qxd2 Qb4 14.Qxb4 Nxb4 15.Rd1 Nxe4 16.Bg2 Nc5 17.Nbxc5 dxc5 18.a3 Nc6 19.Nxc5 Ke7 20.b3 Rd8 21.Kf2

English With C5-8.e4 Bb4 9.Qe2 d6 10.Bd Survey 2009]

12...Qd8 White must now prevent ...a4!

13.Nd2N

[13.Bg2 e5 14.0-0 a4 15.Nc1 exf4 16.gxf4 Ng4 17.Nd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Qh4 19.h3 Nxe3 20.Qxe3 0-0 #9 24) 1.c4 c5 2.Nf3-3.d4 6.g3]

13...0-0 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 b6 16.Bg2 aiming for e5! **16...Qc7 17.0-0 Ba6 18.g4 Nd7 19.Rf3 f5?** 1.89/18

[19...f6= -0.17/20 and Black stays safe.]

20.Rh3 0.53/19

[20.exf5!+- 1.89/18 Nd8 21.fxe6 Nxe6 22.f5]

20...Nf6 1.66/18

[Better is 20...fxg4!⩲ 0.53/19 21.Qxg4 e5]

21.g5 0.88/21

[21.exf5+- 1.66/18 exf5 22.g5]

21...Ng4 1.72/21

[21...Nxe4± 0.88/21 was called for. 22.Nxe4 fxe4]

22.Kh1 0.77/21

[22.exf5+- 1.72/21 exf5 23.Re1]

22...d5? 2.97/20 **23.exd5+- exd5 24.Bxd5+** A strong pair of Bishops.

24...Kh8 25.Rg1 Ne7 3.26/24

[⊿25...g6 2.32/18 26.Re1 *(26.Qd3 Rae8+-)* 26...Rad8]

26.Bxa8 1.46/17

[26.g6+- 3.26/24 and White stays clearly on top. Nf6 *(26...Nxd5? 27.Rxh7+ Kg8 28.Rxg4+-)* 27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.Bd4 Bb7+ 29.Nf3]

26...Rxa8± 27.Bd4 0.78/18

[27.Re1+- 1.89/20 Threatens to win with Bd4. Ng6 28.Bd4]

27...Bb7+ 28.Nf3 0.04/21

[28.Rf3!⩲ 0.61/26 Ng6 29.Re1 Qxf4 Pin *(29...Bxf3+? 30.Qxf3 Rd8 31.h3+-* Trapped Piece*)* 30.Kg1 *(30.Qe8+? Nf8-+)* 30...Qxg5 31.Qe8+ Nf8 32.Qe7 Qxe7 33.Rxe7 Bxf3 34.Bxg7+ *(34.Nxf3 Nf6±)* 34...Kg8 35.Nxf3]

28...Ng6!= Chess con chili. **29.Qe6?** -3.80/21

[29.Re1!= 0.04/21 and White is okay. Be4 *(29...Nxf4 30.Qe8+* Back Rank *Rxe8 31.Rxe8#)* 30.Rg3 Nxf4 *(30...Qxf4 31.Kg1±)* 31.Qd2]

29...Nxf4-+ 30.Qxf5

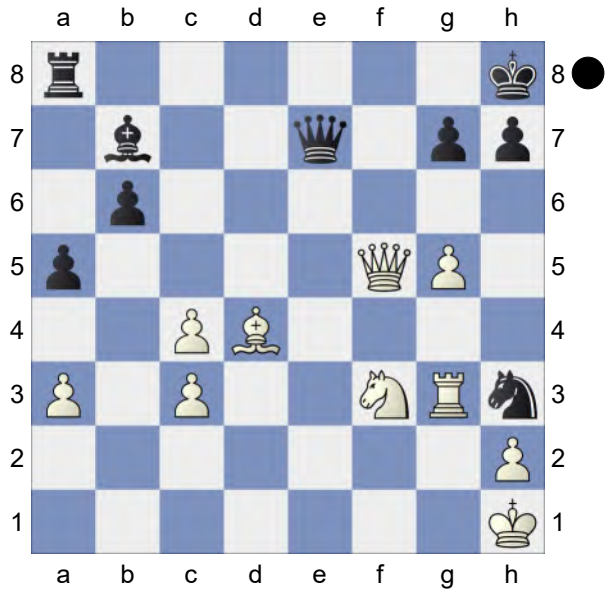
[30.Qxb6? Qxb6 *(30...Qxc4? 31.Qxb7 Rg8 32.Rhg3+-)* 31.Bxb6 Nxh3-+]

[30.Rxh7+ Kxh7 31.Qxf5+ Kg8 32.Qxg4 Qxc4 33.Qxf4 Qe2-+ *(33...Rf8? 34.Qg3-+)*]

30...Nxh3 31.Rxg4 Qe7!

[31...Qxc4 32.Bxg7+ *(32.Bxb6 Qf1+ 33.Rg1 Bxf3+)* 32...Kxg7 33.Rxc4]

32.Rg3

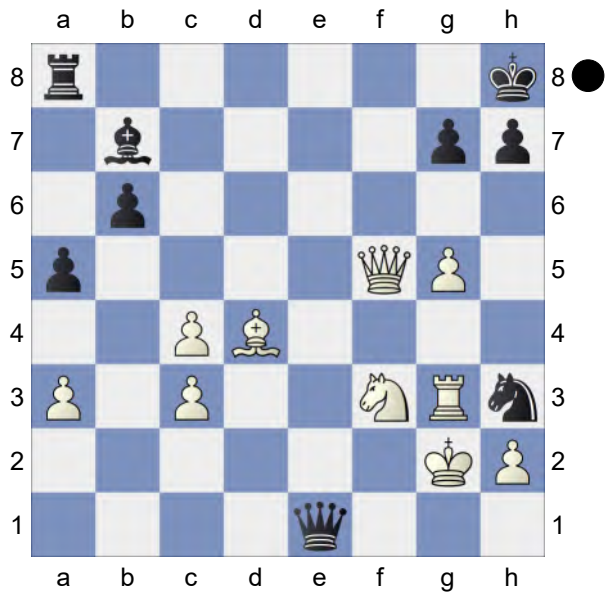


Qe1+! 33.Kg2

(Diagram)

Qe2+! 34.Kxh3 Bc8

[34...Qxc4 35.Ne5 *(35.Bxb6? Bc8-+* Pin *)* 35...Qc8 36.Nf7+ Kg8 37.Nh6+



Kh8 38.Re3 Qxf5+ 39.Nxf5+-]

35.Qxc8+

[But not 35.Bxg7+? Kxg7 36.Nh4 Bxf5+]

35...Rxc8 36.g6 Rf8

[36...Qxc4? 37.gxh7 Qe6+ *(37...Kxh7 38.Rxg7+ Kh6 39.Rg6+* Decoy *Kxg6 40.Ne5+ Kf5 41.Nxc4-+)* 38.Rg4∓]

37.Ne5 Qh5+ 38.Kg2 Qe2+ 39.Kh3 Qf1+ 40.Rg2 Rf5 (→ ...h6) **41.Nf7+ Kg8 42.gxh7+ Kxh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/Black=0.28 (precise)

0-1

D33

□ **Robson,Ray** **2693**

■ **So,Wesley** **2751**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (9.2)

[Kitty Kat]

D33: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 sidelines

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.0-0 d4! 11.Na4 0-0 12.Bg5 h6 The position is equal. **13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Qxd4 Rd8 17.Qxf6 gxf6 18.Rfc1N**

[18.a4 Be6 19.Ra3 Bc4 20.Re1 b5 21.e3 b4 0-1 Khachian,M (2333)-6.g3 g6 (2308) Enghien les Bains 2003 (8)]

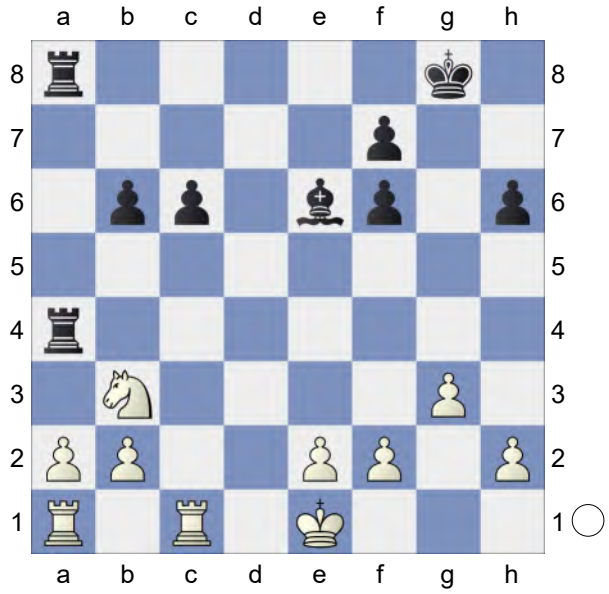
18...Be6 19.Kf1

[19.Rxc6? Bxb3 20.Rxb6 Bxa2 *(20...Rxa2 21.Rxa2 Bxa2 22.Rxf6∓)* 21.Rxf6 Kg7-+]

19...Ra4! 20.Ke1 next Nd2 is good for White.

[20.Rxc6 Bxb3 21.Rxf6 b5-+ *(21...Rxa2 22.Rxa2 Rd1+ 23.Kg2-+; 21...Bxa2 22.Rxb6 Kh7 23.Rb7∓)*]

20...Rda8!



White must now prevent ...Bxb3. **21.Rc3** aiming for a3. **21...Rxa2 22.Rxa2 Rxa2=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **23.Nc1 Rxb2 24.Rxc6 b5 25.Nd3 Ra2 26.Rb6 Bc4! 27.Rxf6 b4! 28.Nxb4 Rxe2+ 29.Kd1 Re4 30.Kd2**

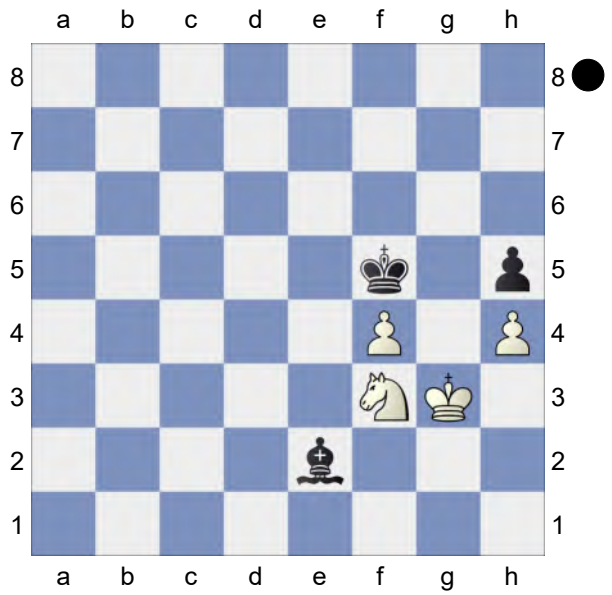
[30.Rxh6 Bb3+ 31.Kd2 *(31.Nc2 Rc4∓)* 31...Rxb4-+]

30...Kg7 31.Rf3 Be2 32.Rb3 Bf1 33.Rb2 h5 34.h4 f5 35.Nc2

[35.Nd5!? Rd4+□ 36.Ke1±]

35...f4 Inhibits Ne3. **36.Rb4 Re2+**

37.Kd1 Rxf2 38.Rxf4 Rxf4 39.gxf4 KB-KN **39...Kf6 40.Ne3 Ba6 41.Kd2 Bb7 42.Ke2 Ba6+ 43.Kf2 Ke6 44.Kg3 Bd3 45.Kf3 Kd6 46.Nd1 Ke6 47.Nf2 Bb5 48.Nd1 Bd3 49.Nc3 Kf5 50.Kg3 Bc4 51.Nb1 Bd3 52.Nd2 Be2 53.Nb3 Ke4** Against Nd4 **54.Nd2+ Kf5 55.Nf3**



Strongly threatening Nd4+. **55...Ba6 56.Nd4+ Ke4 57.Ne6 Bc4 58.Nf8 Bd5 59.Ng6 Bf7 60.Ne5 Bd5 61.Nf3 Bb7 62.Nd2+ Kf5 63.Nc4** Threatens to win with Nd6+. **63...Bc6 64.Ne3+ Ke4 65.Nc2 Bb7 66.Ne1 Kf5 67.Nd3 Be4 68.Nf2 Bc6 69.Nh3 Bb7 70.Ng5 Bd5 71.Nf3 Ke4 72.Nd2+ Kf5 73.Nb1 Be4 74.Nc3 Bc6 75.Ne2 Ke4** Inhibits Nd4. **76.f5 Be8 77.f6 Ke5 78.Ng1 Kxf6 79.Kf4 Bc6 80.Ne2 Be8 81.Ng3 Bg6 82.Ne4+ Bxe4 83.Kxe4** KP-KP **83...Ke6 84.Kf4 Kf6 85.Ke4 Ke6 86.Kf4 Kf7 87.Kg5 Ke6 88.Kxh5** White threatens Kg6 and mate. KP-K **88...Kf5 89.Kh6 Kf6 90.h5 Kf7 91.Kh7 Kf8 92.h6**

[92.Kg6!?]

92...Kf7 93.Kh8 Kf8 94.h7

[94.Kh7!?]

94...Kf7 An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

B40

□ **Oparin,Grigoriy 2662**
■ **Shankland,Sam 2677**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (9.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.a3 a6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Be3 Be7**

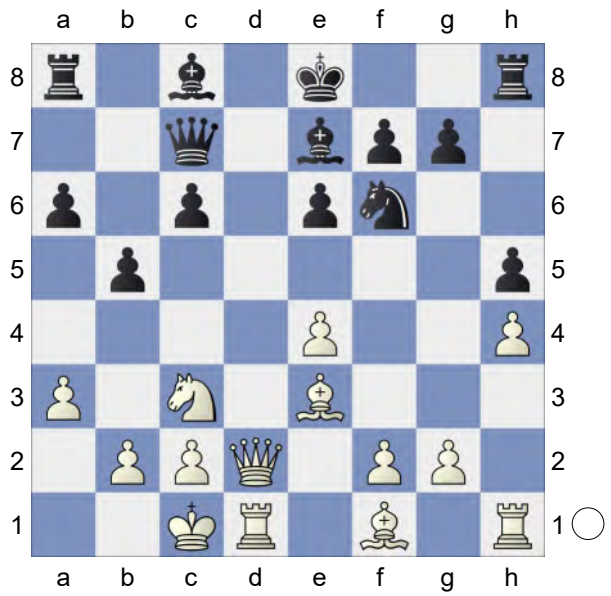
[7...Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Bc4 Ne5 11.Bb3 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.Qd3 Qc7 14.0-0 b5 15.f4 Bb7 16.g4 b4 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.e5 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.b3 Qb7 21.Rf2 Rfc8 22.c4 0-1 Vilcu,M (1537)-Yegiazaryan,A (1929) W-ch corr ICCF corr 1986 (4)]

8.h4N 0.15/21 White is more active.

[8.g4± 0.61/21 b5 *(8...h6 9.h4 Nf6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qf3 h5 12.gxh5 Nxh5 13.0-0-0* 1) Taimanov 6.a3 Nf6-6.a3 Be7 7.Be3 with 8.g4 h6 #*)* 9.Nxc6 dxc6 *(9...Qxc6 10.g5 h6 11.gxh6 Nxh6 12.Rg1* #1 Quickstarter Guide-Taimanov 6.a3 with 7.Be3*)* 10.Qf3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 c5 12.Bf4 Qc6 13.Qe3 Nf6 14.g5 Nh5 15.Be5 0-0 16.Be2 f6 17.gxf6 Bxf6 18.Rd6 Qc7 19.f4 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Nf4 21.Bg4 1) Taimanov 6.a3 Nf6-6.a3 Be7 7.Be3 with 8.g4 b5 #]

8...h5 9.Qd2 Nf6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Nxc6 dxc6

(Diagram)



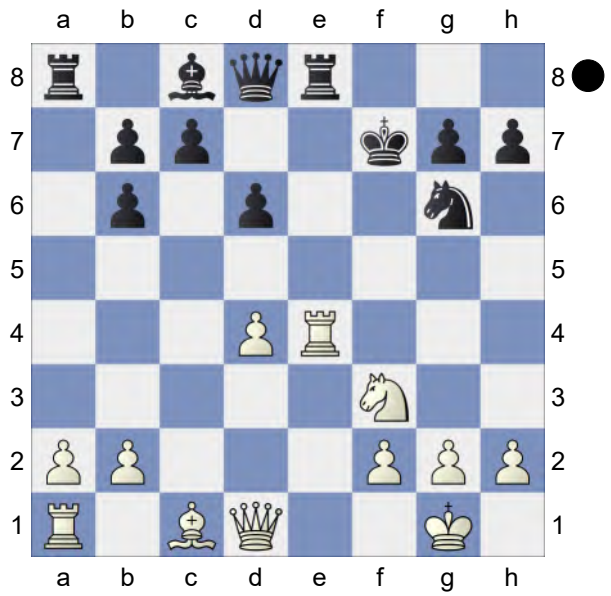
12.e5! Qxe5
[12...Nd5 13.Bg5]
13.Bf4
[13.Bd4!? Qd6 14.Qg5=]
13...Qc5 14.Be3! White has compensation. **14...Qe5 15.Bf4 Qc5 16.Be3 Qe5 17.Bf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

C50
□ **Caruana,Fabiano 2796**
■ **Liang,Awonder 2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (9.4)
[Kitty Kat]

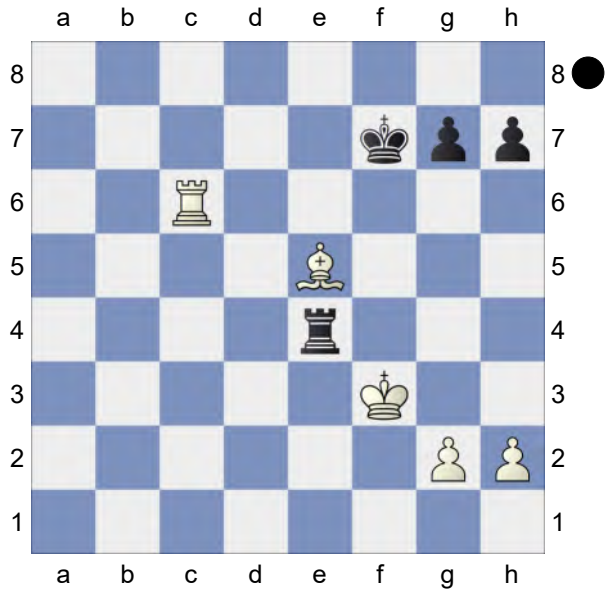
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 Inf 67/(405) Current Reputation: Playable for both sides Kramnik,V: 'Inf 47/(394)' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 Bb6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Nc4 Ng6 10.Re1**
[10.h3 c6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Re1 b5 13.a4 h6 14.Be3 bxa4 15.Rxa4 Rxa4 16.Bxa4 d5 17.Bc2 Re8 18.Qb1 Be6 Italian Game,C-Giuoco Pianissimo,W 364 Linz 2014]
10...Re8N
[10...c6 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.d4 Qe7 13.h3 h6 14.a3 b5 C 54/07-N,N 2000 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 b5 17.Bf1 Bd7 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.b4 c5 20.bxc5 Qxc5 Wolff,P (2565)-Sokolov,I (2665) 67/(405) New York 1996]
[10...Be6 11.h3 h6 12.d4 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Re8 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.a4 a5 16.Be3 Nxe4 17.Bb5 c6 18.Bd3 exd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxe4 Bf6 22.Rae1 d5 23.R4e3 Rd8 24.Qb6 Ra8 25.Rd1 Kramnik,V-Yakovich,Y (2455) 47/(394) Belgorod 1989 Ne7 26.Ne5 Qc8 27.Re2 h5 28.Rde1 Ra6 29.Qc5 Qc7 30.Nf3 Ng6 31.Re8+ Kh7 32.Qe3 Nf4 33.Ne5 Bg5 34.Qf3 Bh6 35.g3 Hantel,T-Robertson,D (2455) 88/348 Geneve 2003]
11.d4 -0.18/20
[White should play 11.Bc2± 0.37/24]
11...exd4= 12.Nxb6 axb6 13.cxd4
[13.Qxd4 feels hotter. Bg4 14.Ng5 d5 15.h3]
13...Nxe4
[13...Rxe4 14.Bxf7+ Kh8 15.Rxe4 Nxe4 16.Qe1=]
14.Bxf7+ Kxf7 15.Rxe4!

(Diagram)

Remove Defender, Decoy **15...Rxe4 16.Ng5+ Kg8 17.Nxe4 Qe7 18.Nc3 Qf7 19.d5 Bd7 20.Qd4 Qf5 21.Be3 Ne5 22.Qe4** -0.84/19
[22.b3= -0.15/22]
22...Qxe4∓ 23.Nxe4 Ra5 24.Nc3 b5 25.b4 Ra3 26.Bd2 c5 -0.04/20
[26...Kf7∓ -0.61/22]
27.dxc6!= The position is equal.



27...bxc6 28.Ne4! Nc4 Strongly threatening ...Nxd2. **29.Bf4 Rd3 30.f3 Bf5 31.Ng3 Bg6 32.a4 bxa4 33.Rxa4 Rd1+ 34.Kf2 Nb2 35.Ra8+ Kf7 36.Ne4 Bxe4 37.fxe4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **37...Rd4 38.Rc8 Rxb4 39.Bxd6 Rxe4 40.Rxc6 Nd3+ 41.Kf3 Ne5+ 42.Bxe5**



Deflection **42...Rxe5 43.Kf4 Re2 44.Kf3 Re5 45.Kf4 Re2 46.Kf3 Re5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

E48
□ **Mishra,Abhimanyu 2630**
■ **Aronian,Levon 2738**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (9.5)
[Kitty Kat]

E48: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 including 6 Ne2, but excluding 6 a3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 Bd6 8.Qc2 b6
[8...c6 9.Nge2 Re8 10.Bd2 b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Kh1 c5 13.Rad1 g6 14.Qb1 Bb7 15.Nf4 Nbd7 16.f3 Nf8 17.b4 cxd4 18.exd4 Bxf4 19.Bxf4 Nh5 20.Be5 f6 21.Bg3 Nxg3+ 22.hxg3 Qc7 23.Ne2 1-0 C 06/32 (2772)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2727) Polska 31/96 1981]
[8...Na6 9.Nf3 c5 10.0-0 c4 11.Be2 Nc7 12.a4 Na6 13.b3 Nb4 14.Qb1 cxb3 15.Qxb3 a5 16.Ba3 Bf5 17.Rac1 Rc8 18.Ne5 Garriga Cazorla,P (2505)-Bilych,O (2365) 153/(185) Escaldes 2022]
9.b4N
[9.Nb5 c5 10.b3 Be7 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.0-0 a6 13.Nc3 Nbd7 14.Bb2 Re8 *(14...Rc8 15.Qe2 b5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bf5 Rc7 18.Nd4* Chapter 10 - 5. Bd3 d5 6.cxd5-6...exd5 7.a3 Bd6 - Part 1 2023*)* 15.Rfd1 Bd6 16.Bf5 Rc8 17.dxc5 Rxc5 18.b4 Rc7 Chapter-5.Bd3 d5 6.cd5 Nimzo 4.e3 Rubinstein]
9...c6 10.Nge2 -0.29/20
[⊼10.Nf3 0.15/19]
10...a5= 11.bxa5 Rxa5 12.0-0 c5 13.Bb5 Na6 14.Bd2 Nc7 15.a4 Ra8 16.f3 Nxb5 17.Nxb5 Ba6 18.Rfb1 Be7 The position is equal. **19.a5 Qd7 20.Nec3 bxa5** aiming for ...Bxb5. **21.Rxa5 cxd4 22.exd4**

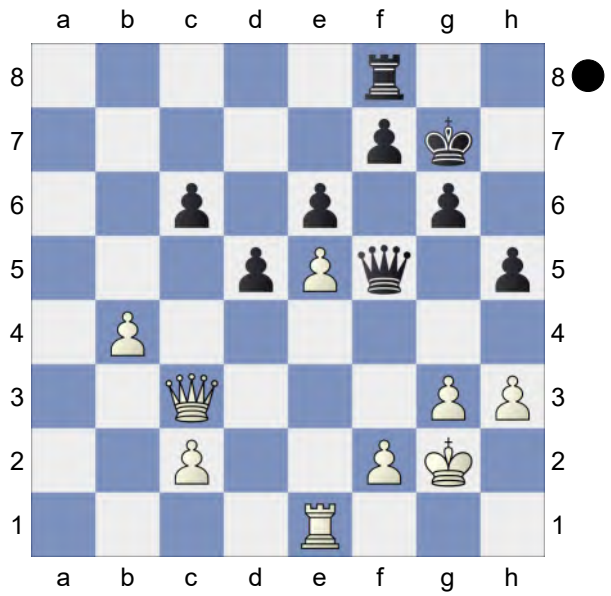
[22.Nxd4? loses. Bd3-+]
22...Qc6 23.Rba1 h6 24.Qb3 Bxb5 25.Qxb5 Qxb5 26.Nxb5 Rxa5 27.Rxa5 Rb8 28.Bf4 Rb7 29.Ra7 Rxa7 30.Nxa7 Endgame. KBN-KBN **30...Nd7 31.Nb5 Nf8 32.Nc7 Bf6 33.Be3 Ne6 34.Nxd5 Bxd4 35.Bxd4 Nxd4** KN-KN **36.Kf2 Nf5 37.Ne3 Nd4 38.Nd5 Nf5 39.Ne3 Nd4 40.Nd5 Nf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

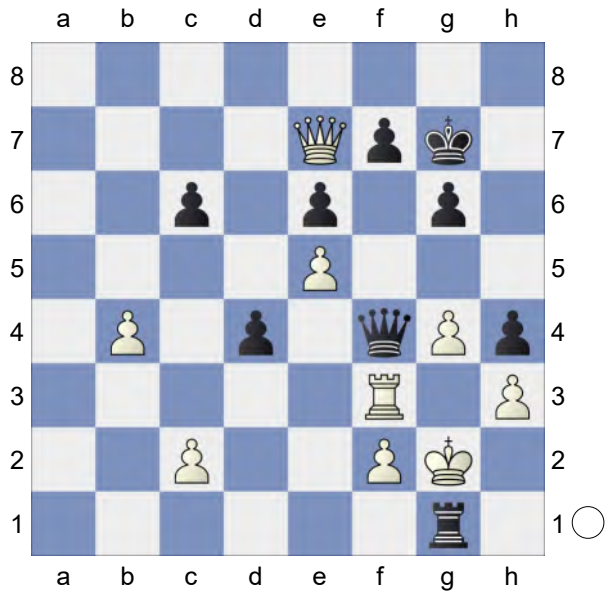
B31
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier 2741**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano 2796**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (10.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nf6**
[6...Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.h3 d5 9.d3 c4 10.dxc4 dxe4 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Rxe4 e5 13.Re1 f6 14.Nbd2 Nf7 15.Nb3 a5 16.Be3 a4 17.Bb6 Re8 18.Nc5 Bf5 19.Nh4 Bc8 20.Rad1 f5 21.Nf3 0-1 Inarkiev,E (2730)-Gelfand, B (2734) Magas m rapid 2016 (3)]
[6...Qc7 7.c3 d6 8.h3 Nf6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0 11.Nc3 c5 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Rd8 14.Qa4 Nh5 15.Qc4 Bb7 16.e6 f5 17.Be3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qb7 19.Bxc5 Qxf3 20.Re3 Qb7 21.Qb3 0-1 Hryshchenko,K (2161)-Toma,K (2220) ENG-ch (Women) Kenilworth 2024 (3)]
7.e5 Nd5 8.b3N
[8.c4 Nc7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.Qh4 f6 12.Nc3 Ne6 13.Ne4 *(13.exf6 exf6 14.Be3 Rb8 15.Re2 Qa5 16.Rd1 Rb4 17.a3 Rb8 18.Red2 Qc7 19.c5 f5 20.Ng5 h5 21.Qc4 Kh8 22.Ne2* Be3,C-Z.Izoria 89/(419) Belfort 2003*)* 13...fxe5 14.Nfg5 Nxg5 15.Bxg5 Qb6 16.Rad1 Qxb2 17.Rd2 Qb6 18.c5 Qa5 19.f3 d5 20.cxd6 exd6 21.Rxd6 Bf5 22.Red1 Rab8 0-1 Naiditsch,A (2715)-Sutovsky,E (2632) EU-Cup 30th Bilbao 2014 (4. 1)]
8...0-0 9.Bb2 a5 10.Nc3 White is slightly better. **10...Nxc3 11.Bxc3 a4 12.h3 d5 13.d4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Bf5** Black is weak on the dark squares **15.Qc5** 0.27/23 White is more active.
[White should play 15.b4± 0.72/19]
15...e6= 16.Nd4 0.12/22
[16.b4± 0.52/22 is superior.]
16...Qg5 17.Nxf5 -0.29/21
[⊼17.Re3 0.30/24]
17...Qxf5 18.Bd4 axb3 -0.12/27
[18...Rfc8∓ -0.50/21]
19.axb3 Rxa1 20.Bxa1 Rc8 21.Bd4 Bf8 22.Qc3 h5
[But not 22...c5 23.b4±]
23.Bc5 Qf4 0.00/24
[23...Bxc5∓ -0.40/22 24.Qxc5 Ra8]
24.b4 Kg7 25.Bxf8+ Rxf8 Endgame. KQR-KQR **26.g3 Qf5 27.Kg2**

(Diagram)

h4 0.00/29 **28.g4** The position is equal.
[Of course not 28.Qxc6 hxg3 29.fxg3 Rh8∓]
[28.gxh4 Rh8 29.Qg3 Qxc2]
28...Qf4 29.Qc5
[29.Qxc6 simplifies Qxb4 30.Re3 Qb8 31.Qc5]
29...Ra8 30.Re3 Prevents Ra3 **30...Ra1** Hoping for ...d4. **31.Qe7 d4 32.Rf3** Dancing on a razor blade. **32...Rg1+!**
(Diagram)





Deflection **33.Kxg1 Qxf3 34.Qxh4** KQ-KQ **34...Qf4 35.Qg3 Qe4 36.Qd3 Qxe5** And now ...Qe1+ would win. **37.Kg2 g5 38.Qc4 Qe4+ 39.f3 Qe3 40.Qxc6 Qd2+ 41.Kf1 Qxb4 42.Ke2 Qa3 43.Qe4 Qc5 44.Kd3 Qc3+ 45.Ke2 Kf6 46.Kd1 Qb4 47.Ke2 Qc3 48.Kd1 Qc5 49.Kd2 Kg7 50.Kd3 e5 51.Kd2 Qc7 52.Kd1 Qc5 53.Qf5 f6 54.Qd7+ Kg6 55.Qf5+ Kg7 56.Qd7+ Kg6 57.Qf5+ Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.

05 (flawless)
½-½

B45
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**
■ **Oparin,Grigoriy 2662**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (10.2)
[Kitty Kat]

B83: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 Be2, lines without ...a6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.a3 d6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0N**

[9.Qd2 e5 10.Nb3 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 d5 12.Nc3 d4 13.Bc4 dxc3 14.Qxc3 Bf6 15.Bc5 e4 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Rd1 Bd7 18.0-0 Qc8 19.Bd5 Bxb2 20.c3 Be6 21.Qg3 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 b6 23.Bd6 Ne7 0-1 Tahmankar,M (2626)-Helmsen,F (2573) USA-ch GpB San Diego 2006 (1.4)]

[9.Qd3 Bd7 10.f4 e5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 exf4 13.Bxf4 Bg4 14.Rad1 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Bc1 Bg5 18.Nd4 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 Qb6 20.c4 Ne7 Chapter-6.a3 2024]

9...e5 10.Nf3 h6 11.Bc4 Be6 White has an edge. **12.Qd3 Na5 13.Bd5 Bxd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Rc8 16.Nd2 Qc7**

[16...Rxc2?! 17.b4 Nc6 18.Qb3 Rxd2 *(18...Nd4? 19.Bxd4 Rxd2 20.Be3+-)* 19.Bxd2±]

17.Rac1

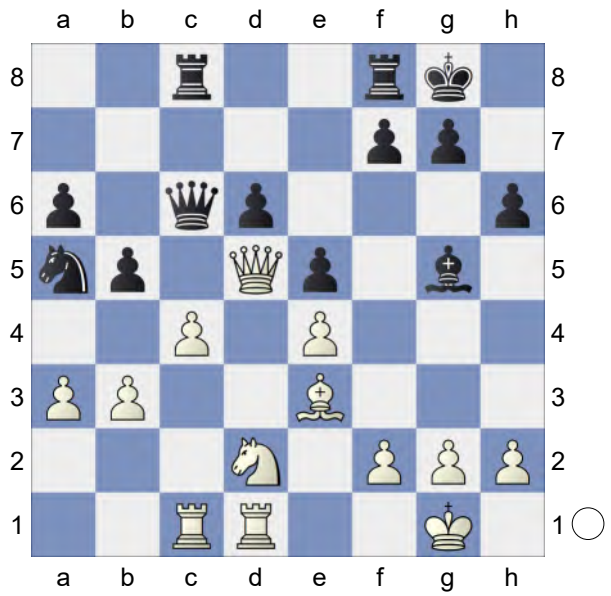
[17.Bxa7 b6 18.b4 Nc6 *(18...Qxa7 19.bxa5 Rxc2 20.Nc4±)* 19.Bxb6 Qxb6-+]

17...b5 18.b3

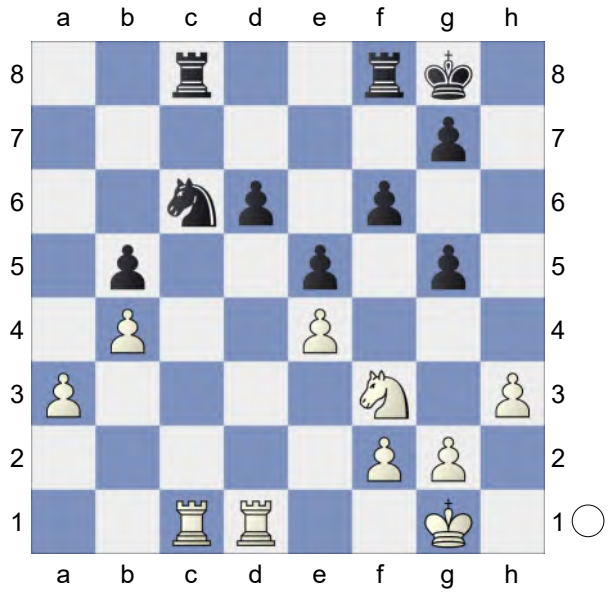
[18.Qxb5 Rb8 19.Qd5 Rxb2=]

18...a6 19.c4 Qc6 20.Rfd1 Bg5

(Diagram)



21.Bxg5! hxg5 22.h3 Qb6 1.18/25
[⌓22...Qxd5 0.81/22 23.cxd5 Rfe8]
23.cxb5 Qxb5 24.b4
[24.Qxd6 Nxb3 25.Rxc8 *(25.Nxb3 Qxb3 26.Rb1 Qc2±)* 25...Rxc8±]
24...Nc6 25.Qxb5
[25.Qxd6 Rfd8 26.Qc5 Qe2∓]
25...axb5 26.Nf3 Inhibits Nd4. **26...f6**



27.Rxd6 0.09/21 White is more active.
[27.Kf1!± 0.87/23]
27...Nd4!= The position is equal.
28.Rxc8 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3 Rxc8 Endgame. KR-KR **30.Rb6 Rc3 31.Rxb5 Rxa3 32.Kg2 Rb3 33.Rb7 Kh7 34.b5 Kg6 35.b6 Rb1 36.Rb8 Kh7 37.b7 Kg6 38.Kg3 Rg1+ 39.Kh2 Rb1 40.Kg2 Kh7 41.Kh2 Kg6 42.Kg2 Kh7 43.Kg3 Rg1+ 44.Kh2 Rb1 45.Kg3 Rg1+ 46.Kh2 Rb1 47.Kg3 Rg1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

C84
□ **So,Wesley 2751**
■ **Liang,Awonder 2677**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (10.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Re1N**
[13.Bd2 d5 14.Re1 Qd7 *(14...Qd6 15.Na2 Nd7 16.Qe2 d4 17.Reb1 Nb6 18.Nc1 Na4 19.Nb3 Rf7 20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Ng5 Rf6 22.Qh5 h6 23.Nf3 Rdf8 24.Rf1 R8f7 25.Rae1 Bf8 26.h3 g6 27.Qh4 Qe7 28.Qg3 Bg7 29.Na5* 1-0 Deslandes,P (2801)-C 06/32 (2805) La 70/(299) Havana 1997 (4) *Nxa5 30.Nxe5 Nb7 31.Nxg6 Qd8 32.e5 Rf5 33.f4 c5 34.Nh4 Rh5 35.Nf3 Kh7 36.Qg4 Rhf5 37.Nh4 Kh8 38.Nxf5 Rxf5 39.Qg6 Qe7 40.g4 Rf8 41.f5 Qe8 42.Qxe8 Rxe8 43.f6 Bf8 44.f7* Lopez,R-D3 Trend*)* 15.exd5 exd5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bd6 18.Re1 Ng4 19.f4 c6 Modern Line 8. a3 Part 1-B3]
[13.Qe1 Qd7 14.Ne2 a5 15.Bd2 axb4 16.axb4 d5 17.Ng3 Rxa1

18.Qxa1 Bxb4 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Bf4 g5 21.Nh5 Nxh5 22.Nf7 Kxf7 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Qc3 Nb8 25.e5 b4 26.Qa1 Be7 27.Qa7 Nf4 ½-½ Van Wely,L (2629)-Hracek,Z (2542) Bundesliga 2223 Germany 2022 (2.6) 28.Qxc7 Na6 29.Qb6 Nc5 30.g3 Ng6 31.d4 Na4 32.Qc6 Nc3 33.Kg2 Ne2 34.Rd1 g4 35.h4 h5 36.Kf1 Nc3 37.Ra1 Re8 38.Ra7 Ne4 39.Ke1 Rb8 40.Qc7 Rb5 41.Ra8 b3 42.Qc8 1-0 Abdusattorov, N (2627)-Keymer,V (2591) Polgar Challenge chess24.com 2021 (8.3)]

13...Qe8 14.Rb1 -0.31/19

[14.Ne2= 0.13/20 was preferrable.]

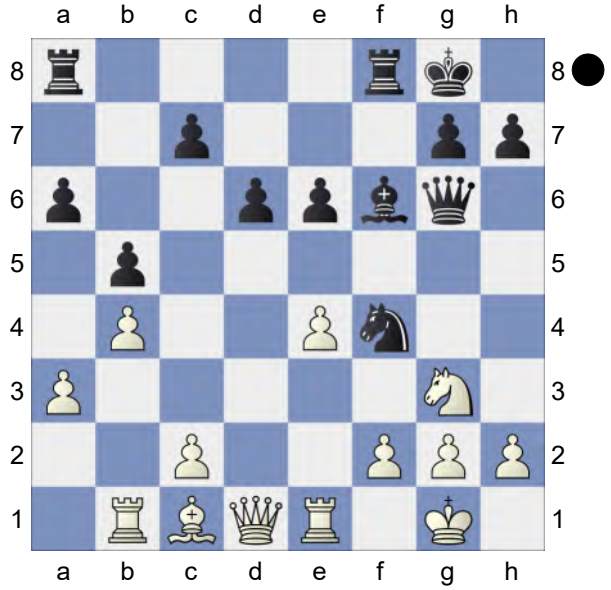
14...Nh5 0.21/20

[14...Qg6∓ -0.31/19]

15.Ne2= Qg6 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.d4 -0.72/26

[17.c3= 0.18/19 remains equal.]

17...exd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bf6 20.Qd1



Be5 21.Rb3 Rf7 -0.16/25

[21...Qg5∓ -0.63/23]

22.Rf3

[22.Bxf4 feels hotter. Rxf4 23.Nf5 Kh8 24.Nd4]

22...Raf8 23.Bxf4 Bxf4 24.Qd3

[24.Ne2!?]

24...Be5 25.Rxf7 Qxf7 26.Qe3 c5 27.Ne2 Prevents Bd4. The position is equal. **27...Qc7** Hoping for ...cxb4. **28.c3 a5 29.Rc1 axb4 30.axb4 Qa7 31.h3 Rf7 32.f4 Bf6 33.Rd1 cxb4 34.Qxa7 Rxa7 35.cxb4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **35...Ra6 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.Nd4 Bxd4+ 38.Rxd4** KR-KR **38...Ke7 39.Ke3 Ra1 40.Rd3 Rb1 41.Ra3 Rxb4 42.Ra7+ Kf6 43.Rd7 Rb3+ 44.Kf2 Rb2+ 45.Kf3 Rb3+ 46.Kf2 d5 47.exd5 exd5 48.Rxd5 Rb2+ 49.Kf3 Rb3+ 50.Ke4 Rg3 51.Rxb5 Rxg2 52.Rb6+ Kf7 53.h4 Rh2 54.Kf5 Rxh4 55.Rb7+ Kf8 56.Rb8+ Kf7 57.Rb7+ Kf8 58.Rb8+ Kf7 59.Kg5 Rh1 60.Rb7+ Kf8 61.Rb8+ Kf7 62.Rb7+ Kf8 63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

C53

□ **Robson,Ray** **2693**

■ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (10.4)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...0-0 6.Nbd2N

[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 Qb8 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (3)]

6...d6 7.0-0 Bb6 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 Ne7 10.a4 White has an edge. **10...a5 11.Ba2 c6 12.d4 Ng6 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Nf1 Bc7 15.Ng3** 0.00/26

[15.dxe5± 0.36/20 dxe5 16.Ng3]

15...d5= 16.dxe5 Nxe5

[16...Nxe4!? 17.Nxe4 Bf5± Pin *(17...dxe4 18.Qxe4 Be6 19.Bxe6±)*]

17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bc7 Hoping for ... Nxe4. **19.e5** Black should prevent Bb1. **19...Ne4!** Deflection **20.Nxe4 Bf5!** Pin **21.Be3 Bxe4 22.Qf2 f6 23.Bc5 b6 24.Ba3**

[24.Rxe4 bxc5 25.Re2 *(25.Qxc5? Bb6-+* Pin *)* 25...fxe5 26.fxe5 Bxe5 *(26...Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxe5 28.Qxc5∓)* 27.Qxc5 Bd4+ 28.cxd4 Rxe2 29.Qxc6 Rc8-+ *(29...Rxb2? 30.Bxd5+ Kh7 31.Be4+ Kh8 32.Qxa8+-)*]

24...Kh7 25.Rad1 Qc8!

[25...fxe5? 26.Rxe4 Qf6 27.Re2+-]

26.c4

[26.exf6 looks sharper. gxf6 27.c4 Qf5 28.cxd5 cxd5 29.g4]

26...fxe5 27.cxd5 cxd5

[27...exf4? 28.d6 Bxd6 29.Bxd6+-]

28.Rxd5 Bxd5

[28...exf4? 29.Rxe4 Rxe4 30.Qc2+-]

29.Bxd5 Kh8 30.Bc6 A strong pair of Bishops. **30...Qe6** 0.55/24 **31.Qc2±**

[31.Bxe8 Rxe8 32.Qc2 Bb8=]

31...Bd6 0.92/24 **32.Bxd6±** White is more active. **32...Qxd6 33.Bxa8 Rxa8 34.fxe5** Endgame. KQR-KQR **34...Qe6 35.Re3 Re8** 1.17/24

[35...Rc8± 0.66/26 36.Qd2 Rc5]

36.Qe4 0.66/24

[36.Qb3!± 1.17/24]

36...Kg8 37.Kh2 Kh8 1.38/24

[⊿37...g6 1.01/23 38.Qd4 Kg7]

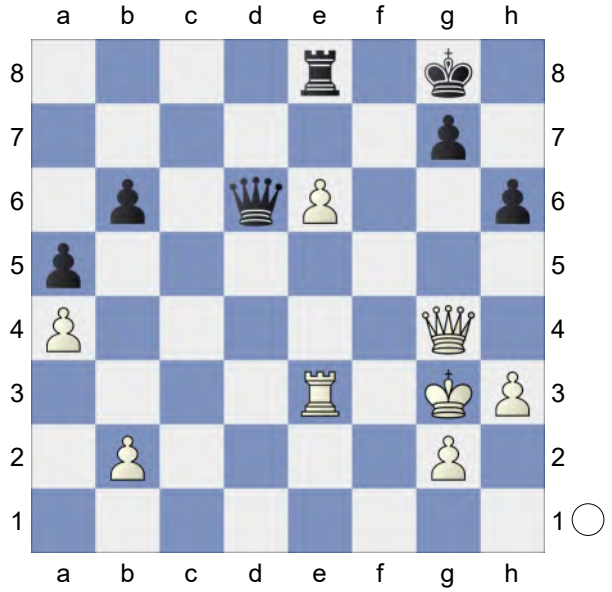
38.Re2 0.95/23

[⊿38.Kg3 1.38/24]

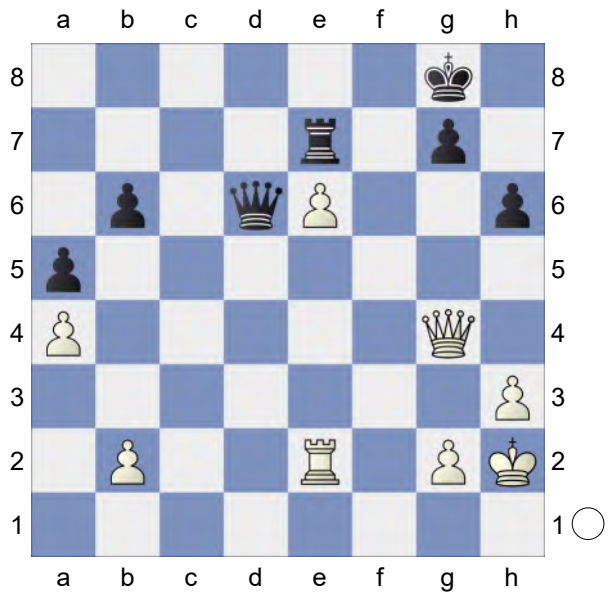
38...Kg8 39.Re1 Kh8 40.Re3 Kg8 41.Qd4 Kh8 1.27/22

[⊿41...Re7 0.88/24]

42.Kg3 Kg8 43.Qg4 Black must now prevent Qxe6+. **43...Qd5 44.e6 Qd6+**



45.Kf2! Qd2+ 46.Re2 Qd5 47.Kg1 Re7 48.Kh2 Qd6+



49.g3 0.60/26
[White should play 49.Kg1!± 1.08/25]
49...Qd3± Inhibits Qc4. **50.h4** aiming for Qe4. **50...b5! 51.axb5 Qxb5 52.Qe4↑** Against Qd5. White is more active. **52...Qb6** 1.57/22
[52...a4± 0.67/21]
53.Qf5 1.08/23
[White should try 53.Qd5 1.57/22]
53...Qc6? 5.73/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[53...a4± 1.08/23 54.Qe4 Qa6]
54.Qxa5+- Qf3 55.Qe5 Qb3 56.Qe4 h5 57.Qf5 Qc4 58.Rc2
[Weaker is 58.Qxh5 Rxe6 59.Rd2 Rf6+-]
58...Qa6 59.b4 Qb7 60.b5 Re8 61.Rf2 Re7 Inhibits Qf7+. **62.Qf8+ Kh7 63.Qf5+ Kg8 64.Rd2 Qa8** Inhibits Rd8+. **65.b6 Qe8 66.Qd5 Kh7 67.b7 Qb8 68.Qxh5+ Kg8 69.Rb2** 15.43/20
[⌓69.Rd7 #17/16 Qf8 70.b8Q Deflection Qxb8 71.Rxe7 Qf8 72.Re8 *(72.Qf7+ Qxf7 73.Rxf7 Kh7 74.e7 Kh6 75.e8Q Kh7 76.Rf8 g5 77.Qf7+ Kh6 78.Rh8#)* 72...Qxe8 73.Qxe8+ Kh7 74.Qh5+ Kg8 75.e7 g6 76.e8Q+ Kg7 77.Qhxg6#]
69...Rxe6 70.Qd5 Kf7 71.Re2 22.76/19
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
[⌓71.Qd7+ #18/14 Re7 72.Rf2+ Deflection Kg6 73.Qxe7 Qa7 74.Rf8 *(74.Qe4+ Kh6 75.Rf8 Qa2+ 76.Kh3 g6 77.Qf4+ Kh7 78.Qc7+ Qf7 79.Rxf7+ Kh8 80.b8Q#)* 74...Qa2+ 75.Kh3 Kh7 76.Qe4+ *(76.b8B Qd5 77.Be5 Qh1+ 78.Kg4 Qe4+ 79.Rf4 Qg6+ 80.Kh3 Qh6 81.Rg4 Qg6 82.Rxg6 Kxg6 83.Kg4 Kh7 84.Qxg7#; 76.b8Q Qd5 77.Qb1+ Qe4 78.Qexe4+ Kh6 79.Rh8#)* 76...g6 77.Qe7+ *(77.b8B Kh6 78.Qf4+ Kh7 79.Qc7+ Qf7 80.Qxf7+ Kh6 81.Rh8#)* 77...Qf7 78.Rxf7+ Kh8 79.b8Q#]
1-0

E04
□ **Shankland,Sam 2677**
■ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (10.5)
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 Rb8 7.Nc3 a6 8.e4 Be7 9.Qe2 b5 10.Rd1! 0-0 11.d5! exd5** Hoping for ...d4. White is slightly better. White has an edge. **12.e5! d4 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Ne4 Be7!**
[14...Bb7 1.06/24 14...Be7 0.30 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Bg5 Qg6 1.42/20 *(⌓16...Qf5 0.88/22)* 17.Bf4 Nb4 1.84/24 *(17...d3± 1.42/21* was worth a try. *18.Qd2 Qh5)* 18.Bxc7+- Rbe8 19.Ne5 0.95/22 *(19.Qd2+- 1.69/26 Bxf3 20.Bxf3)* 19...Bxg2± 20.Nxg6 Rxe2 21.Nxf8 Nc2 22.Kxg2 Nxa1 23.Rxa1 Kxf8 24.Bb6 d3 25.Bd4 f6

1.96/26 *(25...a5± 1.32/20 26.a3 b4)* 26.Bc3 Kf7 27.a3 h5 28.h3 Rc2 29.Re1 1-0 Farionov,A (2653)-G,A (2536) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (10) a5 30.Rb1 a4 31.Re1 b4 32.Bxb4 Rxb2 33.Kf3 g5 34.Ke3 Kg6 35.Rf1 Re2+ 36.Kd4 d2 37.Rd1 Rxf2 38.Rxd2 Rf3 39.Rg2 h4 40.gxh4 Rf4+ 41.Kc5 Rxh4 42.Rg3 f5 43.Kb5 f4 44.Rc3 1-0 Farionov,A (2653)-G,A (2536) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (10)]

15.b3! d3 16.Qd2N White fights for an advantage.

[16.Qe3 Re8! 17.Bb2 f5 18.Neg5 Black must now prevent Ne6. Ba3! 19.Qd2 Bxb2! 20.Qxb2 bxc4 is the strong threat. h6 21.Nh3 g5 Prevents Nf4 22.bxc4 bxc4 23.Qc1! Rb4 24.a3 Ra4 25.Nhxg5 hxg5 26.Rxd3! cxd3 27.Qxc6 g4 28.Qg6+ ½-½ 8.♘f3 ♘f6 9.♕b3 (2412)-Fischer, I (2458) Vojvodina-ch 6th Novi Sad 2015]

16...f5 17.Nc3 Bf6 18.Bb2

[18.bxc4!? b4 19.Nd5 Bxa1 20.Qxd3±]

18...Be6 19.Rac1 0.00/22

[19.Re1!± 0.50/23 Bf7 20.Nd1]

19...Bf7= 20.bxc4 bxc4 21.Na4 Bxb2 1.12/22

[21...h6= 0.00/23 keeps the balance.]

[21...h6= 0.00/25]

22.Nxb2± Nd4 23.Nxd4 -0.15/21

[23.Nxc4± 1.04/23 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Nxc1 25.Qxc1]

[23.Nxc4± 0.99/21 Ne2+ 24.Kh1]

23...Qxd4= 24.Na4

[24.Nxd3!? cxd3 25.Qxd3 Qxd3 26.Rxd3=]

24...Rfe8 0.31/21

[⊿24...c5 -0.22/21]

[24...h6= -0.21/22]

25.Nc3 -0.16/25

[25.Re1 0.28/24 is more appropriate.]

[25.Re1± 0.31/21 deserves consideration.]

25...Rb6 Black has compensation.

26.Bf3 h6 27.h4 -0.42/25

[27.Rb1!= 0.00/22]

[27.Rb1= 0.00/21 is more appropriate.]

27...Rd8 -0.04/21

[27...c5∓ -0.59/21]

[27...c5∓ -0.42/25]

28.Kg2 -0.50/23

[28.Rb1= 0.00/21]

28...Rdb8 0.00/31

[Better is 28...c5∓ -0.50/23]

[28...c5∓ -0.36/24]

29.Rb1 Kh7 30.Re1 Kg8 31.Rec1 Kh7 32.h5 Kh8 33.Qf4 Qxf4 34.gxf4 Rd8

[34...d2 35.Rd1±]

35.Rd1 Rd4 36.Rd2 Rxb1 37.Nxb1 Rxf4 38.Nc3 Prevents c6. Wards off c6

38...Rh4 39.Kg3 Rd4 40.Rb2! d2 41.Be2 Prevents Rd3+. Wards off Rd3+

41...f4+ 42.Kg2 g5 Strongly threatening ...Kg7. **43.hxg6! Bxg6 44.f3 h5 45.Bd1**

[45.Rb8+ simplifies Kg7 46.Rc8 Rd7 Hoping for ...Bf5. 47.Bxc4 d1Q Prevents Bb3 48.Nxd1 Rxd1 49.Rxc7+ Kf6 50.Bxa6 Rd2+ 51.Kg1]

45...Kg7 46.Rb7 Rd7 47.Ne2 -1.27/22

[White should play 47.Ra7∓ -0.44/21]

47...Re7 -0.33/20

[47...h4∓ -1.27/22 Threatens to win with ...Kf6. And now ...Kf6 would win. 48.Nxf4 -1.78/24 *(48.Rb4∓ -1.00/21 is a better defense.)* 48...Bf5 *(48...c3? -0.01/20* 48...Bh7 -1.53 *49.Nxg6 Kxg6 50.Rb4=)*]

[Black should try 47...h4∓ -0.90/22 ...Kf6 would now be deadly. 48.Nxf4 Bf5 *(48...c3 49.Nxg6 Kxg6 50.Rb3∓)*]

48.Kf2!∓ h4 49.Nc3? -4.77/23 This costs White the game. Loses the game.

[49.Rb2!∓ -0.64/19]

[White has to play 49.Rb2!∓ -0.42/22]

49...h3-+ ...Re1 would now be deadly. Black is clearly winning. **50.Kg1 Kh6** aiming for ...Re3. **51.Rb4 Bf7** And now ...Re3 would win. Strongly threatening ...Re3. **52.Rb2** -5.68/19

[⌓52.Kh2 -3.94/21 Re3 53.Na4]

52...Re3 Black is clearly winning. **53.Ne2 c3 54.Rc2 Bh5**

[54...Bg6? -0.09/20 54...Rxf3 -5.87 55.Rxc3 Bd3 56.Rc6+! *(56.Nxf4? -5.46/26* 56.Rc6+ -0.10 perishes. *Re1+ 57.Kh2 Bb5!-+)* 56...Kg5 57.Nc3=]

[Inferior is 54...Bg6 55.Rxc3 Bh5 56.Rc2∓]

55.Kh2 -8.28/20

[⌓55.Nxc3 -4.30/18 Bg6 *(55...Bxf3 56.Bxf3 Rxf3 57.Nd1∓)* 56.Ne4 -6.97/22 *(⌓56.Rxd2* -4.55/23 *Rxc3 57.Kh2)* 56...Bxe4-+ 57.Rxd2]

[⌓55.Nxc3 -5.20/21 Bg6 *(55...Bxf3? 56.Bxf3 Rxf3 57.Nd1-+)* 56.Ne4 Bxe4 57.Rxd2 Bxf3 58.Bxf3 Rxf3 59.Rd5]

55...Bxf3 56.Nxc3

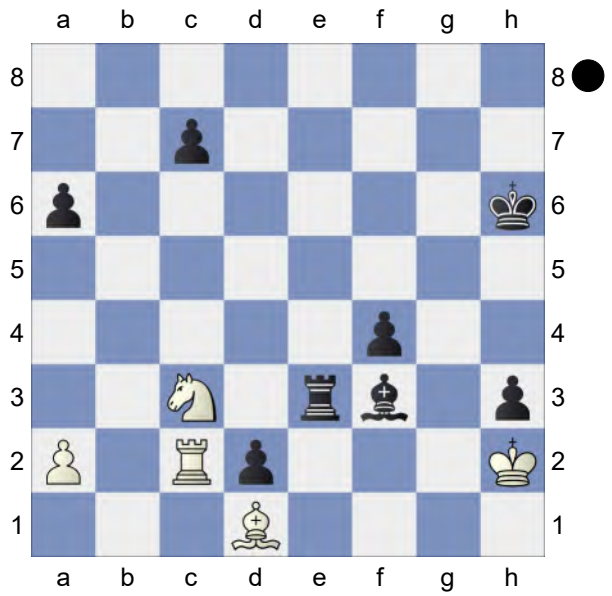
(Diagram)

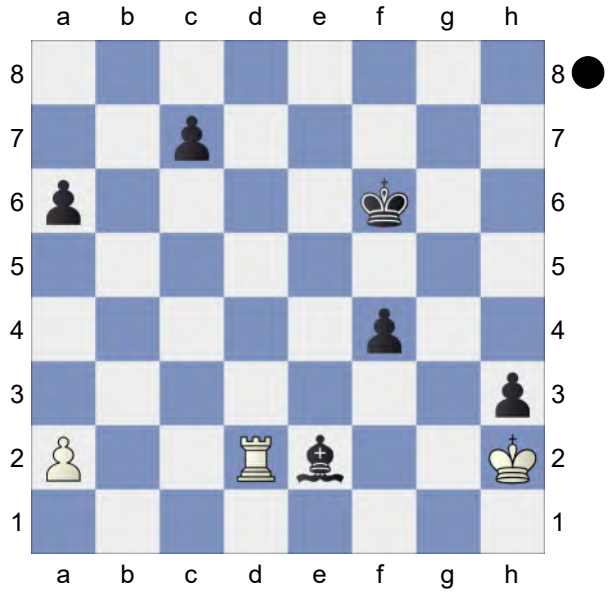
Rxc3! Remove Defender **57.Rxc3**

[57.Rxd2 Bxd1]

57...Bxd1 Endgame. KR-KB **58.Rc6+ Kg5 59.Rc5+ Kf6** (→ ...Bf3). (→ ...Bf3) **60.Rd5 Be2 61.Rxd2**

(Diagram)

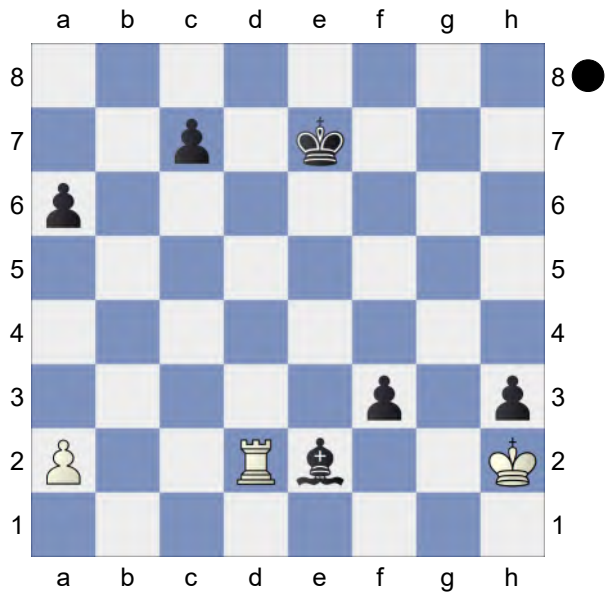




f3! 62.Rd8 Ke7 63.Rd2 Kf6 64.Rd8 Ke7 65.Rd2

(Diagram)

Kf7! Threatens to win with ...f2. **66.Rd4 c5 67.Rh4 Ke6** ...f2 is the strong threat. **68.Kg3 c4 69.Rxh3 c3** aiming for ...Kd5. **70.Rh8 Kd5 71.Kf2 c2 72.Rd8+ Ke4 73.Rc8 Bd3 74.Re8+ Kd4 75.Re1 Be2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.12 (very precise). Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/



Black=0.15 (very precise)
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C50

□ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
■ **So,Wesley** **2751**
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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 a6 7.a4 0-0 8.Re1 h6 9.h3 Ba7 10.Nbd2** White has an edge. **10...Re8 11.b4**

[11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16)]

11...Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Qc2 Ne7N

[13...Re8 14.Nf1 b5 15.Ng3 Ne7 16.d4 Nd7 17.Be3 Ng6 18.Nf5 Ne7 19.Ng3 Ng6 20.Nf5 Ne7 21.dxe5 Bxe3 22.Nxe3 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Red1 Qc8 25.c4 bxa4 26.Qxa4 Qb7 27.Nd5 c6 28.Nxe7+ 1-0 Harika,D (2526)-Koneru,H (2575) Chengdu FIDE GP (Women) 2016 (7) Qxe7 29.c5 Qb7 30.Rd6 Rec8 31.Qa5 Rab8 32.Ra4 Qb5 33.Qxb5 Rxb5 34.f3 a5 35.bxa5 Rxc5 36.a6 Kf8 37.Rd7 Ke8 38.Rb7 Rb5 39.h4 g6 40.Kh2 h5 41.Ra2 Kf8 42.Kg3 Kg7 43.Rd7 1-0 Kunz,H (2526)-Kravitz,N (2575) 92/(464) Eforie Nord 2004 (7)]

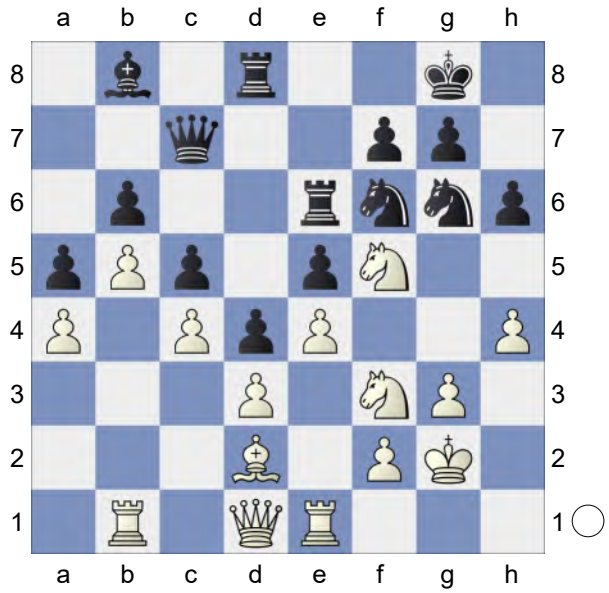
14.Nf1 d5 15.Rb1 Ng6 16.c4 c6 17.Ng3 Qd7 18.Bd2 Rd8 19.Bc3 Qc7 20.Nf5 d4 1.00/20

[Better is 20...Qd7± 0.38/19]

21.Bd2± c5 22.b5 a5 1.51/21

[⌓22...Bb6 0.96/19]

23.g3 b6 24.Kg2 Bb8 25.Qd1 Kh7 26.h4 Kg8

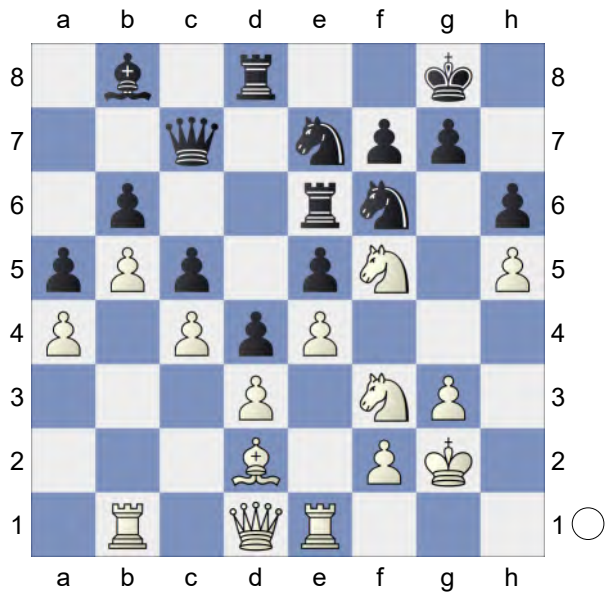


27.h5! Ne7

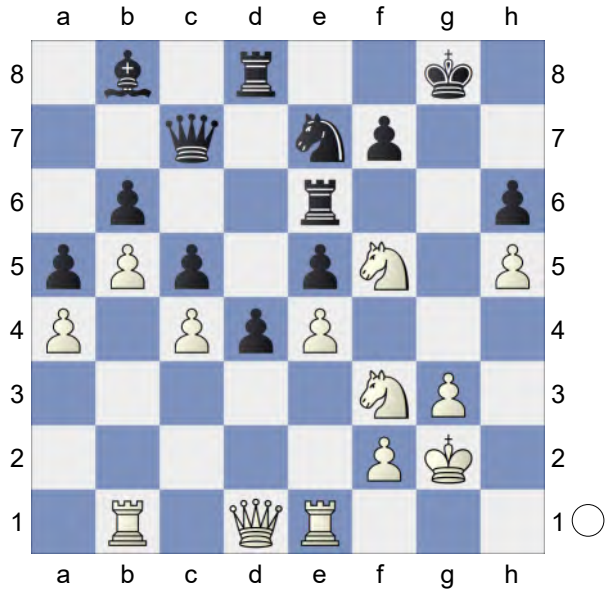
(Diagram)

28.Bxh6 0.93/23 **Nxe4 29.dxe4**

[29.Nxg7 Rxh6 30.Rxe4 Kxg7∓]



29...gxh6



30.N3h4 0.40/21 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. Excellent horsemanship.

[White should play 30.Nh2!± 0.85/21 Threatens to win with Qg4+. Kh7 *(30...Nxf5 31.exf5 Red6 32.Rxe5±)* 31.Ng4]

30...Kh7 31.Qf3 Strongly threatening Nxd4!

[31.Rb3 simplifies Nxf5 32.Nxf5 Rg8 33.Rf3]

31...Rf6 32.Rb3 Qb7 33.g4 Qd7

34.Qe2 0.15/24

[34.Qh3± 0.57/21]

34...Nxf5 0.61/26

[34...Bc7= 0.15/24 should be considered.]

35.Nxf5 0.00/29

[35.gxf5± 0.61/26 d3 36.Qe3]

35...Rg8= The position is equal. **36.Rg3 Bc7** Black is weak on the light squares **37.Qd3 Bd8 38.g5 hxg5 39.Rg4 Re6 40.Rh1 Ree8 41.Kf1 Be7 42.Ke2 Qe6 43.Rh3** White has compensation. **43...Bf8 44.Qc2 Bh6 45.Kd3 Qd7 46.Qc1 Re6 47.Rhg3** Really sharp! **47...Qd8 48.Qd2 Rf6 49.Rf3 Qd7 50.Qc1 Qe6 51.Qh1 Re8 52.Qh3 Rf8 53.Qh1 Re8 54.Qh3 Rf8 55.Rgg3 Rg8 56.Qg4 Bf8 57.Rg1 Bh6 58.Rg2 Kh8 59.Rg1 Kh7 60.Rg2 Kh8 61.Rfg3 Kh7 62.Qf3 Kh8 63.Rg4 Kh7 64.Rg1 Kh8 65.R1g3 Kh7 66.Rg1 Kh8 67.R1g3 Kh7 68.Rg1 Kh8 69.R1g3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

C50

□ **Sevian,Samuel 2689**

■ **Niemann,Hans Moke 2733**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (11.2)

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3**

[5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1 Ng4 7.Re2 Kh8 8.h3 f5 9.Bg5 Nf6 10.Nc3 d6 11.exf5 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.g4 c6 14.a4 d5 15.Bb3 Qd6 16.Kg2 g6 17.Qe1 gxf5 18.f3 fxg4 19.hxg4 Nxg4 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2713)-So, W (2760) Speed Chess Chess.com

INT blitz 2022 (1.28)]
[5.a4 d6 6.a5 h6 7.0-0 a6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.d4 Ba7 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Nbd2 Nf4 14.Bf1 Nh7 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Be3 exd4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.g3 Qf6 19.cxd4 Ng5 0-1 Leiva Rodriguez,J (2389)-Pichot,A (2628) Iberoamerican-ch 10th Linares 2024 (5)]

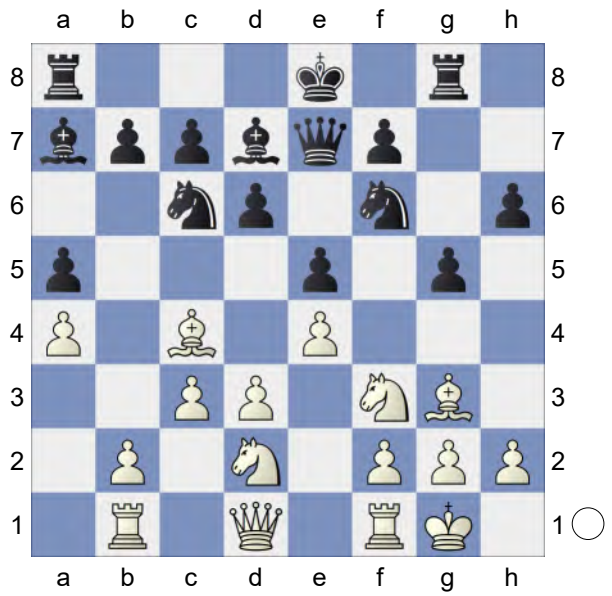
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3)]

6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 Qe7 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Rb1 g5 12.Bg3 Rg8

(Diagram)

13.d4! exd4 14.Qb3! 0-0-0
[14...Nxe4? 15.Nxe4 *(15.Qxb7 Rb8±)* 15...0-0-0 16.Rfe1+- *(16.Bxf7 Rgf8+-)*]

15.Rbe1 g4 0.43/20
[15...dxc3= -0.13/20 16.bxc3 g4]

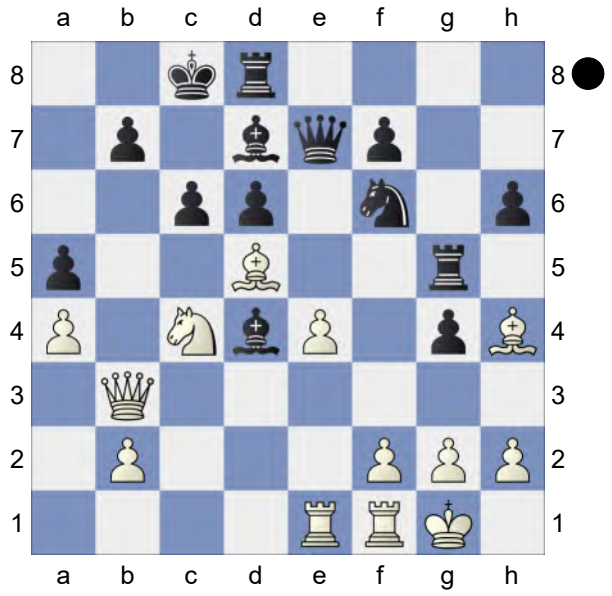


16.Nxd4± Nxd4 17.cxd4 Threatens to win with Bd5. **17...Bxd4** 1.47/23
[17...Nh5!= 0.06/18]

18.Bh4 0.31/19
[18.Bd5!± 1.47/23 Nxd5 19.exd5]

18...Rg5 19.Bd5 c6!
[19...Nxd5 20.exd5 Qf8 21.Rd1±]

20.Nc4 -0.28/19
[⌓20.Bxf7 0.30/22 Kb8 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.Re2]



20...Be8!↑ Hoping for ...Qc7! Black has the initiative. **21.Nxa5**

[21.Bxg5 hxg5]

21...cxd5 22.Qd3 -0.84/23

[Better is 22.exd5∓ -0.33/25 Qc7 23.Bxg5 hxg5 *(23...Qxa5 24.Bxh6 Bd7 25.Bg5=)* 24.Qd3]

22...Be5!∓

[22...Bxb2 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.exd5+- *(24.Qc2+ Qc7+-)*]

23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.exd5 Kb8!

[24...Bxa4? too greedy. 25.Qc4+ Qc7 26.Qxa4+-]

25.Nc4 Qc7

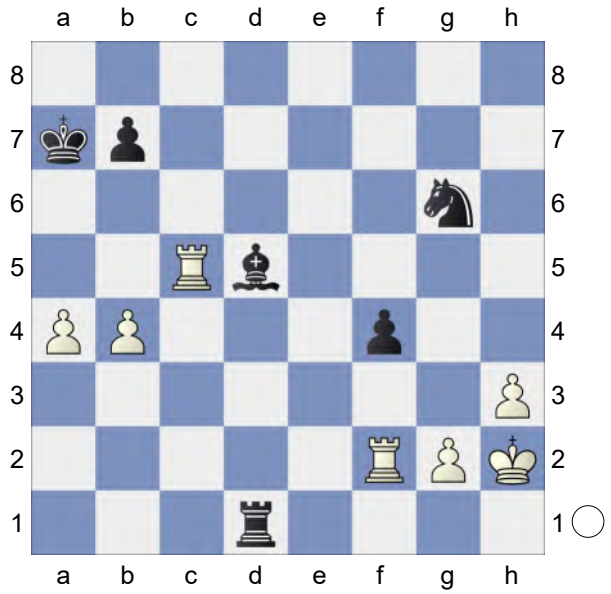
[25...Bxa4? loses. 26.Qa3 Qe8 27.Ra1+-]

26.b3 Bd7 0.19/25

[26...Nd7!∓ -0.69/21]

27.Qd2 aiming for Rxe5! **27...Bc8 28.Nxe5 dxe5 29.Qxg5 Nxd5** White must now prevent ...f6. **30.Qxe5 Qxe5 31.Rxe5 Nf4 32.Re4 Ng6 33.f3 f5 34.Ree1 gxf3 35.Rxf3 f4** Against Rfe3 **36.Rc3 Nh4 37.Re4 Ng6 38.h3 Bf5 39.Re2 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Bd7 41.Rf2 Bc6 42.Rc5 Bd5! 43.b4 Ka7** 0.72/22

[43...Rd4= 0.28/21]

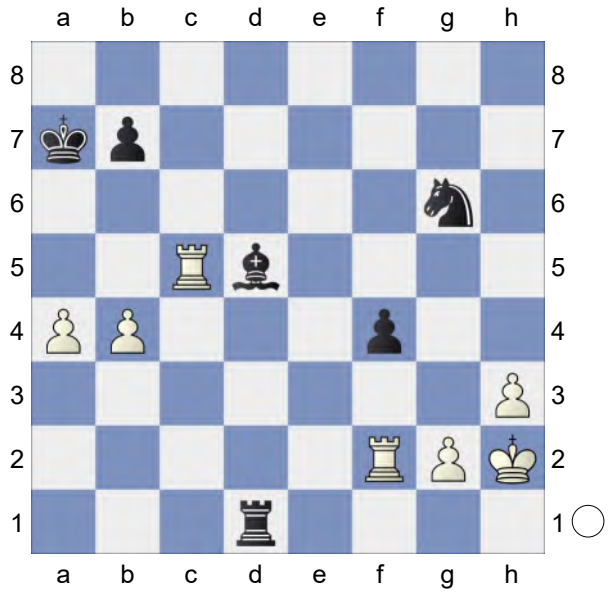


44.Ra5+ 0.00/25

[White should play 44.Rcc2!± 0.72/22 And now Rfd2 would win. Bb3 45.Rc7]

44...Kb8 45.Rc5 Ka7 0.99/22

[45...Rd4!= 0.27/21]



46.Ra5+ 0.01/24

[46.Rcc2!± 0.99/22]

46...Kb8 47.Rc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

½-½

B95

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**

■ **Shankland,Sam** **2677**

ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (11.3)

[Kitty Kat]

B95: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6, unusual White 7th moves B95: Défense sicilienne (variante Najdorf avec 6...e6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qf3 h6 8.Bd2N

[8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 *(9...Be7 10.Be2 Ne5 11.Qe3 Nfg4 12.Bxg4*

Nxg4 13.Qe2 Bxh4 14.Qxg4 Qg5+ 15.Qxg5 Bxg5+ 16.Kb1 Bd7 17.Rd3 Ke7 18.Rhd1 Rad8 19.Nb3 Bc6 20.Na5 Bf6 21.f3 g5 22.a3 h5 23.Na2 Be5 24.Nb4 1-0 Cao,S (2545)-Acs,P (2545) Hongrie (54eme championnat) Budapest 2004 (4)*; 9...Ne5 10.Qe2 g5 11.f4 gxf4 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Ng6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.e5 Nxe5 16.Ne4 Qg7 17.Nxd6+ Bxd6 18.Qxd6 f6 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Bc4 0-0-0 21.Rd2 Qf7 22.Qxe5 Rhf8 23.Rhd1 Qf6 24.Qc5+* 1-0 Felicio,C-Argomaniz,R CADAP VII zt sf1 8385 corr 1983*)* 10.Be2 Be7 11.Qe3 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.f4 Rc8 14.g4 Qb6 15.Qh3 Rxc3 16.Qxc3 Nxe4 17.Qe1 g5 18.Bf3 Ndc5 19.fxg5 hxg5 20.Bg3 Bf6 21.Kb1 d5 22.Rf1 Bg7 1-0 B223 Dxe6-Kerouredan,N (zt) 20/146 Pula 1975]

[8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 *(9.h3 Qc7 10.a4 Be7 11.Qg3 Ne5 12.Be2 Bd7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.e5 Ne8 17.Nf3 Qc7* 6.Bg5-7.Qf3-N,N*)* 9...Qc7 10.a4 Ne5 11.Qg3 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.f3 Rb8 14.a5 Bd7 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.Rd1 e5 17.Rd2 Be6 18.Rd3 Qc7 19.Bb6 Qc6 20.Nd2 Nh5 21.Qf2 Nf4 22.Re3 Be7 0-1 McKenzie,M (1968)-Trautner,A (2153) CUB corr Cuba 1993 (2.4)]

8...Qb6 9.Nb3 Qc7 White is slightly better. **10.a4 b6 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Rae1 Be7 14.Kh1 h5** 0.43/20

[14...d5= -0.07/23]

15.Bg5 0.00/21

[15.h3⩲ 0.43/20 is superior.]

15...h4 0.43/21

[15...d5= 0.00/21]

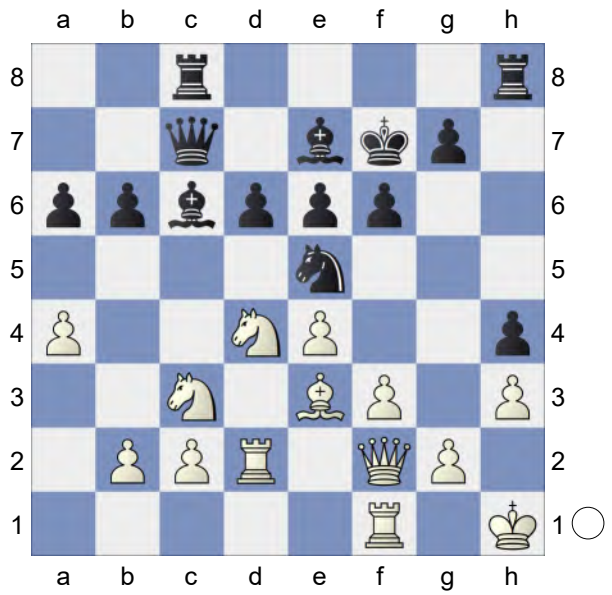
16.h3⩲ Rh5 17.Bf4 Ne5 18.Qd1 Rh8 19.Qd2 Nfd7 20.Bg5 f6 0.97/21

[20...Nc5⩲ 0.46/22 21.Nxc5 dxc5]

21.Be3± Nc4 22.Bxc4 Qxc4 23.f3 Rc8 24.Qf2 Qc7 25.Rd1 Kf7 26.Rd2 Bc6 27.Nd4 White is more active.

27...Ne5 1.39/20

[⌂27...Ba8 0.76/21]



28.b3! g5 29.Nce2

[29.f4 gxf4 30.Qxf4 *(30.Bxf4 Bd7=)* 30...Bd7∓]

29...Bd7 30.c4

[30.f4 gxf4 31.Nxf4 Qb7=]

30...Qb7 31.Nc3

[31.f4?! gxf4 32.Bxf4 *(32.Qxf4 b5=)* 32...b5⩲ *(32...Qxe4 33.Bxe5 dxe5 34.Nf3=)*]

31...Ng6 32.Rfd1 Rc7 33.Nde2 0.89/18

[⌂33.Qe2 1.44/17]

33...b5 34.cxb5 axb5 35.Bb6 Rc6 36.a5

[36.axb5? Qxb6 *(36...Rxb6? 37.Nd4-+)* 37.Rd4 Rc7-+]

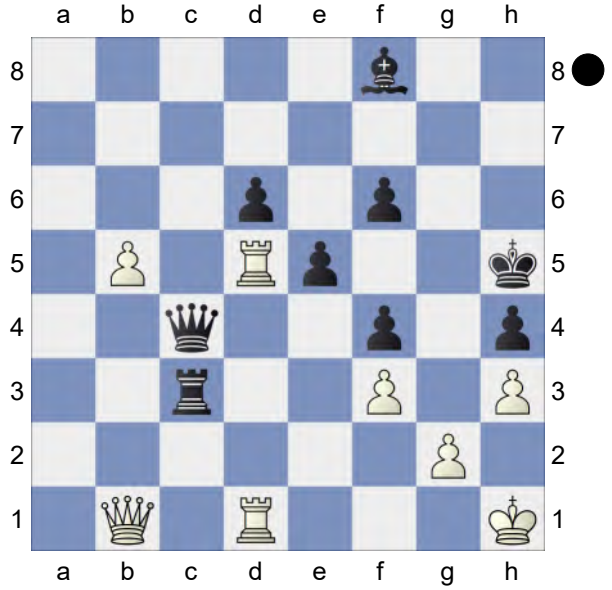
36...Rb8 37.Qe3

[37.Nxb5? Rxb6 38.Nxd6+ Rxd6 39.Rxd6 Bxd6 40.Rxd6 Qc7-+]

[37.Qd4 simplifies Rxb6 38.axb6 Qxb6 39.Qxb6 Rxb6 40.Ra1]

37...Rxb6 38.axb6

[38.Qxb6 simplifies Qxb6 39.axb6 Rxb6 40.Ra1]
38...Qxb6 39.Nd4
[39.Qxb6 simplifies Rxb6 40.Ra1 Bd8 41.Ra7]
39...b4 40.Na4 A dynamic duo of knights. **40...Qa7 41.Nb2 Nf4 42.Nd3 Rc8?** 3.07/19 A mistake that costs the game.
[42...Nh5± 0.42/20]
43.Nxf4+-
[43.Nxb4 d5 44.Nd3 e5 45.Nxf4 gxf4±]
43...gxf4 44.Qe1
[Not 44.Qxf4 e5 45.Qxh4 exd4+-]
44...e5 45.Nf5 Bxf5 46.exf5 Qd7 47.Qe4
[47.Qxh4 Qxf5 48.Rd5 Qg6±]
47...Kg7 48.Rd5
[Don't do 48.Qxb4?! d5+-]
48...Kh6 49.Qxb4 Qxf5 50.Qb7 Bf8 51.b4 Rc3 52.Qa8 Rc8 53.Qa7 Rc3 54.Qf2 Kh5 55.b5 White is clearly winning. **55...Qc8 56.Qb2 Qc4 57.Qb1**



Strongly threatening Qf5+. **57...Kh6 58.b6 Rb3 59.Qf5 Kg7 60.Ra5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

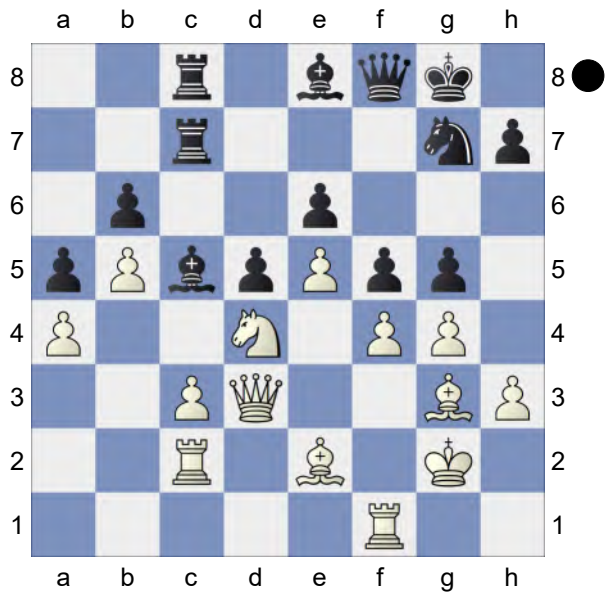
A00
□ **Liang,Awonder** **2677**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (11.4)
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.a3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 e6 4.Bf4 c5 5.e3 Qb6 6.Nc3** -0.16/21
[⌓6.dxc5 0.22/24 Bxc5 7.b4]
6...Bd7= 7.Rb1 Nc6 0.25/19
[7...Bc6 -0.17/22 is more appropriate.]
8.dxc5 -0.24/21
[8.h3 0.25/19 should be considered.]
8...Bxc5 9.Bd3 Be7 0.42/20
[9...Nh5= -0.24/24]
10.0-0 -0.22/21
[10.h3!± 0.42/20]
10...0-0 0.58/20
[10...Nh5= -0.22/21]
11.b4 0.22/24
[11.e4± 0.58/20]
11...Rfc8
[11...Nh5 is interesting. 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Qxh5+ Kg8]
12.e4
[12.Na4!? Qd8□ 13.Nc5=]
12...Nd4 0.74/24
[12...Nd8= 0.29/23 13.Be5 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4]
13.Nxd4!± And now Nde2 would win.
13...Rxc3 0.93/21
[13...dxe4!± 0.54/21 was preferrable. 14.Nxe4 Qxd4]
14.e5! Ne8
[14...Ne4? 15.Ne2+-]
15.Be3 0.34/20
[15.Ra1± 1.03/22]

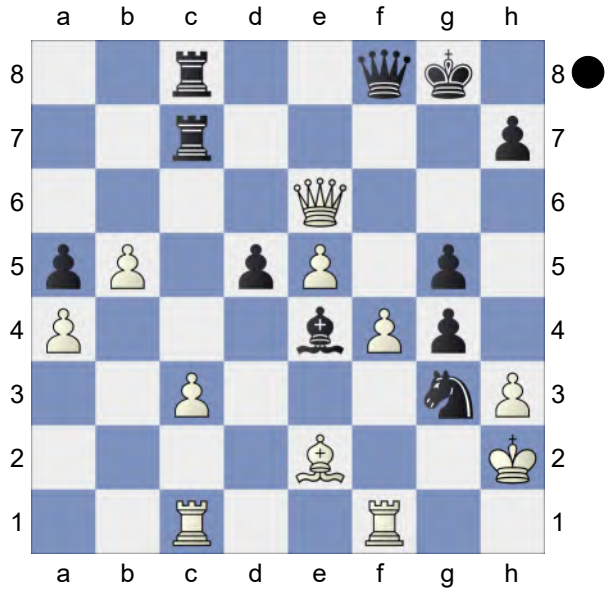
15...Qd8 0.94/21
[Black should try 15...Qc7!⩲ 0.34/20]
16.Ra1 g6 17.Bd2 Rcc8 18.a4 Ng7 19.g4 Prevents Nf5. **19...f6 20.f4 Qb6** 1.32/22
[⊿20...a5 0.84/24]
21.c3 a5 22.b5 Rf8 23.Qe2 Bc5 24.Be3 Qc7 25.Bd2 1.06/20
[25.Nb3!+- 1.62/22 Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3]
25...Qb6 26.Qe3 0.97/21
[⊿26.h3 1.39/21]
26...Rf7 27.Rae1 Raf8 1.30/23
[Black should play 27...Rc8 0.87/20]
28.h3 f5 29.Kg2 Rc8 30.Qf2 0.94/22
[⊿30.Rc1 1.30/17]
30...Qd8 31.Be3 Qf8 32.Qd2 b6 1.77/20
[32...h5± 1.18/21 33.Kg3 Be8]
33.Rc1 Be8 34.Bf2 Rfc7 35.Rc2 Bf7 36.Rfc1 Ba3 37.Ra1 Bc5 38.Rh1 Be8 39.Be2 0.44/21
[39.Be3± 1.49/24]
39...Bf7 1.40/21
[39...g5!⩲ 0.44/21]
40.Bg3? -0.28/20
[40.g5± 1.40/21]
40...Be8? 1.32/20
[40...Bxd4= -0.28/20 41.Qxd4 g5]
41.Qd3? -1.48/20
[41.g5± 1.32/20 stays on course.]
41...g5!∓ 42.Rf1 -2.91/21
[42.fxg5 Bg6 43.Nxe6 Nxe6 44.Qxd5 Qf7-+]
[42.Bf2 -1.86/20 keeps fighting. Bg6 *(42...gxf4 43.Qf3∓)* 43.Qd2]

(Diagram)

42...Bg6!-+ 43.Qd2 -4.26/20
[⊿43.gxf5 -2.70/18 Nxf5 44.Nxf5 Bxf5 45.Qd2 Be4+ 46.Kh2 Bxc2 47.Qxc2 gxf4 48.Bxf4]



43...Bxd4 44.Qxd4 fxg4 45.Rcc1 Be4+ 46.Kh2 Nf5 47.Qxb6 Nxg3 48.Qxe6+



Kh8!
[48...Qf7 49.Qxf7+ *(49.Bxg4?* perishes. *Nxf1+ 50.Rxf1 Re8-+)* 49...Kxf7 50.Kxg3 gxh3 51.fxg5+ Kg6 52.e6± *(52.Kxh3 Kxg5 53.c4 dxc4±)*]
49.Kxg3 gxf4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

C02
□ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2662**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2738**
ch-USA 2024 Saint Louis USA (11.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.0-0 Nf5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bd3 0-0N**

[9...a5 10.a4 h6 11.Nbd2 Ba7 12.Nb3 0-0 13.Bc2 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Qxh4 15.Qd3 g6 16.Qe2 Rac8 17.g3 Qc4 18.Qd1 d4 19.Nd2 Qc5 20.Ne4 Qxe5 21.Bxh6 f5 22.Bf4 Qh8 23.Ng5 e5 24.Qf3 ½-½ Iermito, S (2435)-Tedesco,M (2343) corr CL/2021/C9 ICCF [2]]

[9...Nfe7 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Re1 Qb8 *(12...Bc7 13.Bg5 Qc8 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.c4 dxc4 16.Nc5 Nb4 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Re4 b5 20.b3 Nd5 21.bxc4 bxc4 22.Rxc4 Rhb8 23.Rac1 Rb2 24.R4c2 Rab8 25.Kf1 R8b4 26.Bd2 Rxc2 27.Rxc2* 0-1 Lindberg,B (2294)-6.Qd4 ed5 (2521) 135: World Ch. Match Germany 1934 (1.51)*)* 13.Qe2 Bc7 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.h4 Rh5 16.Bg5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 f6 20.Re3 fxg5 21.hxg5 Rxg5 22.Nc5 0-0-0 23.Nxe6 Bxe6 24.Rxe6 1-0 Ernst,H (2746)-Kavakul,M (2768) La (ol) 2/333 Havana 1966 (6.3)]

[9...Nh4 10.Nbd2 *(10.Bf4 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 f5 12.b4 Be7 13.b5 Na5 14.Nd2 0-0 15.c4 g5 16.Be3 g4 17.Qf4 dxc4 18.Nxc4 Bxb5 19.Rfd1 Qc7 20.Nxa5 Qxa5 21.Qh6 Bxd3 22.Qxe6+ Rf7 23.Rxd3 Qa6 24.Qb3 Kf8* 1-0 Merilo,J (2225)-10.♘f5 ♘c7 11. ♘c3_14096 (2086) La 42/102 Havana 1986 (6.9)*)* 10...a5 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nb3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Bb6 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qe2 a4 16.Nd2 f6 17.Nf3 fxe5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Bc7 20.Qd4 Bc6 21.Qg4 Qd6 22.g3 e5 23.Bh6 Rf7 24.Rad1 0-1 Chen,M (1779)-Andrews,T (2165) Nashville Summer op 2024 (1)]

10.Re1 h6 11.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **11...a5 12.Bc2 a4 13.Nf1 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Qxh4 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 f5 17.exf6 Rxf6 18.g3** -0.16/21

[18.Ng3± 0.48/20]

18...Qc4= 19.Nd2 Qb5

[19...Qa6 simplifies 20.Qf1 Qxf1+ 21.Rxf1 e5]

20.Nf3 Raf8 21.b3 -0.90/20

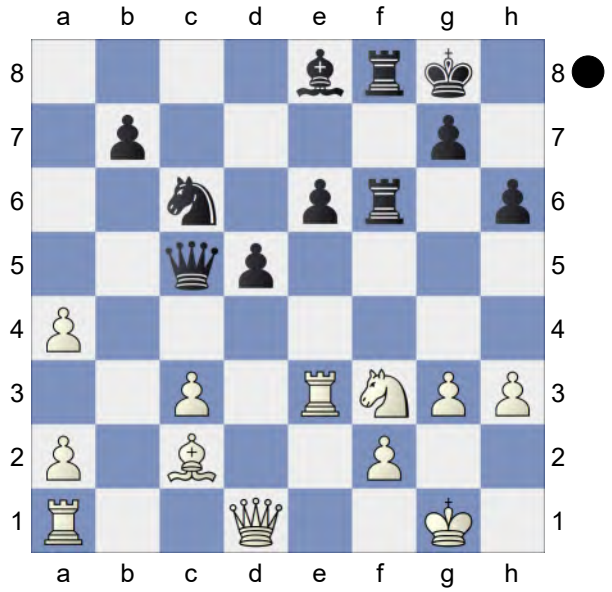
[21.Bxa4∓ -0.35/20 Qxb2 22.Bc2]

21...Be8 Threatens to win with ...Bh5.

22.h3 Qc5 23.bxa4 -1.07/20

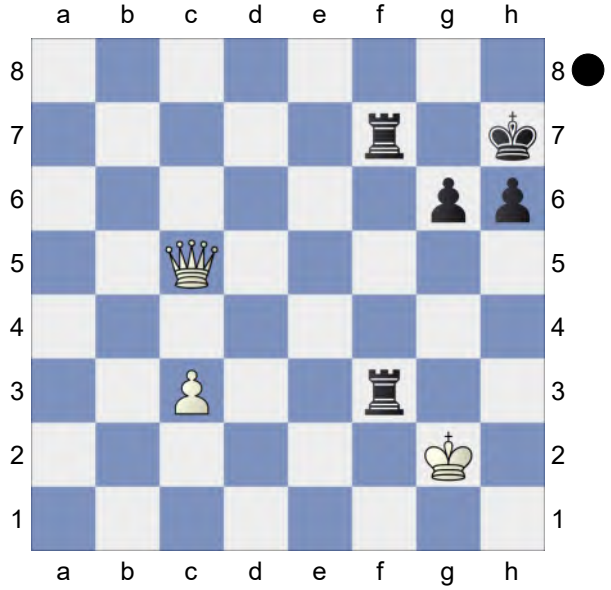
[Don't go for 23.b4? Qxe3 24.fxe3 Rxf3-+]

[23.Qe2!∓ -0.50/18]



23...Qxe3 -0.18/19 **24.fxe3 Rxf3 25.Qd3 Rxg3+** White is weak on the dark squares **26.Kh2 Bg6** Some like it hot

[26...Rff3!? 27.Qh7+ Kf7-+]
27.Qb5 Rff3 28.Bxg6 Rxh3+ 29.Kg2 Rfg3+ 30.Kf2 Rxg6 31.Qxb7? -3.84/24 Now White is beyond hope.
[31.Rg1!∓ -0.37/20 Rh2+ 32.Kf1 Rf6+ 33.Ke1 Rxa2 34.Rxg7+ Decoy Kxg7 35.Qxb7+ Kf8 36.Qxc6]
31...Rh2+-+ 32.Kf1 Ne5 33.Qb8+ Kh7 34.Qxe5 Rh1+ Skewer **35.Ke2 Rxa1** Endgame. KQ-KRR **36.e4 Rxa2+ 37.Kf3?** -5.33/27
[37.Kd3 -2.86/23 was called for.]
37...Rxa4 Black is clearly winning. **38.exd5 exd5** ...Rf6+ would now be deadly. **39.Qxd5 Rf6+ 40.Kg3** -6.40/24
[⊿40.Ke3 -4.37/20 Ra7 41.Qe4+ g6 42.c4]
40...Ra7 41.Qe4+ g6 42.Qd4 Raf7 And now ...Rf2! would win. **43.Qc5 Rf3+** -6.11/26
[⊿43...Rf2 -12.29/27 44.Qd5 R7f3+ 45.Qxf3 Rxf3+ 46.Kxf3 Kg7]
44.Kg2



Rf2+! 45.Kg3
[45.Kg1 Rc2]
45...h5 -9.99/29
[⊿45...R7f3+ -123.37/30 46.Kh4 Rf5 47.Qa7+ Rf7 48.Qd4 R7f4+ *(48...R2f4+* leads to mate. *49.Qxf4 Rxf4+ 50.Kg3 g5 51.Kg2 h5 52.c4 Rxc4 53.Kf3 h4 54.Kf2 h3 55.Kf3 Rc2 56.Ke4 h2 57.Kd3 Ra2 58.Ke4 h1Q+ 59.Ke3 Qh4 60.Kd3 Qb4 61.Ke3 Rd2 62.Kf3 Qf4#)* 49.Kh3 Rxd4 50.cxd4 h5 51.Kg3 Rf5 52.Kg2 Kh6 53.d5 Kg5 *(53...Rxd5* gets mated. *54.Kf3 Rf5+ 55.Ke4 h4 56.Kd3 h3 57.Kd2 h2 58.Ke2 h1Q 59.Ke3 Qd5 60.Ke2 Rf3 61.Ke1 Qa2 62.Kd1 Rf1#)* 54.d6 Kf4 *(54...Rd5 55.Kg3 h4+ 56.Kf3 Rxd6 57.Ke4 h3 58.Ke5 Rd1 59.Ke6 h2 60.Kf7 h1Q 61.Ke7 Qb7+ 62.Ke8 Rf1 63.Kd8 Rf8#)* 55.Kf2 Rd5 56.Ke2 Rxd6 57.Kf2 Rd2+ 58.Ke1 Ke3 59.Kf1 Kf3 60.Kg1 Rd1+ 61.Kh2 h4 62.Kh3 Rh1#]
46.Qe5 R2f5 47.Qe6 Rc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

2024 US MASTERS

Caruana & Yip Win!

B30

□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
ch-USA w 2024 (1.1) 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6**

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]

4.0-0N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.d3 Be7 11.Be3 0.00/22

[11.Nd2± 0.45/22]

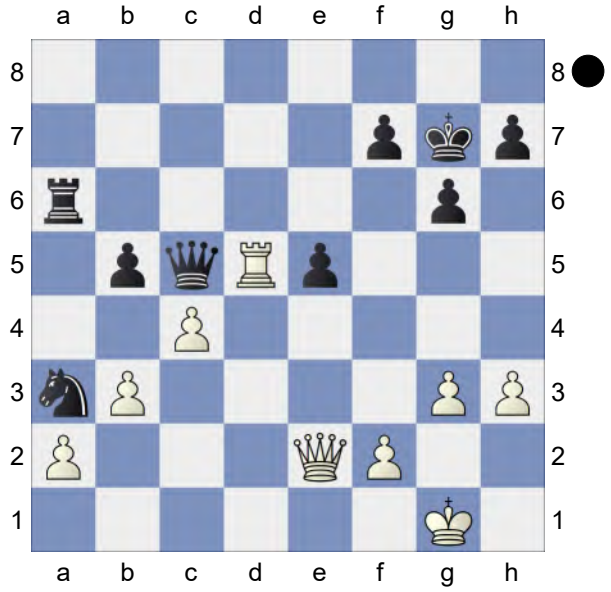
11...d5 12.Bg5 -0.24/22

[⌓12.Qg3 0.20/21]

12...0-0 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd2 Rfd8 16.Rad1 b5 17.Nb3 Rac8 18.d4 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Qc7 20.Nxc6 Qxc6 21.Rd4 Ne7 22.Qd3 Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Nf5 24.Qd2 g6 25.Rd1 Kg7 26.Qe2 Qc5 27.Rd3 Ne7 28.g3 Nc6 29.Bg2 Ne5 30.Rd4 Nc4 31.Bb7 Rc7 32.Bxa6 e5! 33.Rd1 Ra7 34.b3!

[Wrong is 34.b4? Qc6 35.Bxb5 Qxb5-+]

34...Na3 35.c4? -2.03/21 **Rxa6-+ 36.Rd5**



Qc7 37.cxb5 Re6 38.Qb2 Repels Qc1+ **38...Qb7?** 0.00/37

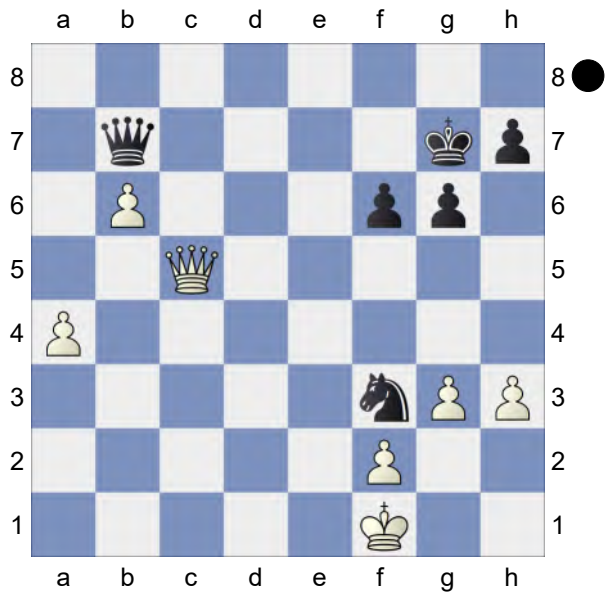
[38...Qe7-+ -1.78/22 And now ...h5 would win. 39.Qd2 Qb7]

39.Rxe5= The position is equal.

39...Rxe5 40.Qxe5+ f6 41.Qc5 Nxb5 42.a4 Na7 43.b4 Nc6 44.b5 Ne5 45.b6 Nf3+ 46.Kf1

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Qc7+. **46...Nd2+ 47.Kg1** Hoping for Qc7+. **47...Ne4 48.Qd4 Ng5 49.Qc5** Strongly threatening Qc7+. **49...Ne4 50.Qd4 Qc6 51.Qb2** b7 would now be deadly. **51...Nc5 52.a5 Nd3 53.Qd2 Ne5** (→ ...Nf3+) **54.Qb2 Nf3+ 55.Kf1 Qc4+ 56.Kg2 Ne1+ 57.Kg1! Nf3+ 58.Kg2 Ne1+ 59.Kg1! Qe4 60.Kf1 Qh1+**



61.Ke2 Qe4+ 62.Kf1 Nd3 63.Qc2 Qe1+ 64.Kg2 Qxa5 65.Qxd3 Qxb6 KQ-KQ **66.Qd7+ Kg8 67.Qe8+ Kg7 68.Qd7+ Kg8 69.Qe8+ Kg7 70.Qd7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

D45
□ **Paikidze,Nazi 2314**
■ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim 2374**
ch-USA w 2024 (1.2) 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D45: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Golod,V: 'Inf 99/298' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 a6 5.Nc3 e6**

[5...Bf5 6.Qb3 b5 7.c5 Nbd7 8.a4 g6 9.Qa3 b4 10.Qxb4 Rb8 11.Qa3 a5 12.Bd2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Ng1 e5 15.Ne2 Be6 16.Qc3 Bg7 17.Qc2 0-0 18.Bc3 Re8 19.dxe5 Nxc5 20.Nd4 ½-½ Sokolov,I (2690)-Atalik,S (2558) Sarajevo Bosnia 34th 2004 (1)]

[5...b5 6.b3 bxc4 7.bxc4 e6 8.Rb1 a5 9.c5 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qa4 Nb8 12.Ne5 Qc8 13.Rb6 Nfd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.e4 3) Black plays 6...e6,6-6...bxc4 #2 Shut Down the 5...b5 Chebanenko Slav 2024]

6.c5N

[6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nf6 15.Qe3 Qe7 16.Rab1 Ng4 17.Qb3 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Nf6 ½-½ Rodshtein,M (2530)-Golod,V (2597) 99/298 Dresden 2007 21.Be5 Nd7 22.Bc3 Ra7 23.Rfd1 Nf6 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Bf3 Rc8 26.Qe5 h6 27.g3 Qc7 28.Kg2 Qxe5 29.Bxe5 Nd7 30.Bf4 Nb6 31.Be2 Na4 32.Rb3 Be7 33.Rdb1 Nc5 34.Rb8 Ra8 35.Rxa8 Rxa8 ½-½ Semi Slav Cxd5 (2530)-Guerra,J (2597) FRA-ch Toulouse 1995]

6...b6 7.cxb6 Qxb6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 White has an edge. **9.0-0 c5 10.Na4 Qa7 11.b3 cxd4 12.exd4 Bd6** Against Ne5 **13.Bb2 0-0 14.Rc1 Ne4** 0.90/20

[14...Bb7± 0.44/20 feels stronger.]

15.Bxe4 0.06/17

[15.Ne5± 0.90/20]

15...dxe4= 16.Ne5 Nf6 17.Qe2 a5 18.Nc5 Bb7 19.Nc4 Bf4 A strong pair of Bishops. **20.Rce1 Bd5 21.Nd2** -0.67/21

[21.Bc1= -0.11/20 Bb8 22.Ne3]

21...Qb8

[21...Ng4 seems wilder. 22.Qxg4 Bxd2 23.Re2 f5]

22.g3 -0.91/20

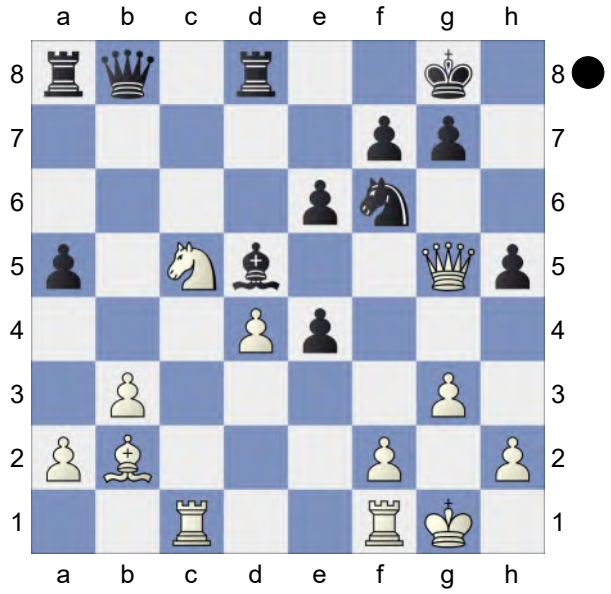
[22.h3∓ -0.55/22 was preferrable.]

22...Bxd2∓ 23.Qxd2 Rd8 24.Rc1 h5 -0.32/19

[24...h6∓ -0.87/19]

25.Qg5 -1.02/18

[25.Rc3∓ -0.32/19]



25...a4! 26.Rfe1 -1.56/20

[26.Nxa4? Rxa4 27.Ra1 Ra7-+]

[⌓26.Rcd1 -1.00/22]

26...axb3 27.a3 Ra7 28.h3 Qa8 29.Rc3 Ra5 30.g4 Bc6 -0.67/20

[Black should play 30...hxg4∓ -1.55/20 ...Nh7 would now be deadly. 31.Rg3 Ra7 32.hxg4 Nh7]

31.Qh4 Rd5

[31...Rxd4 32.Nxb3 *(32.Rxb3 Rd5∓)* 32...Rd3 *(32...g5? 33.Qg3+-)* 33.Nxa5 Qxa5 34.Rec1=]

32.Rxb3 Qd8 33.Qg3! Ra8 Dodges Rb8 **34.Qf4** -1.27/20

[⌓34.Nxe4 -0.75/18 Nxe4 35.Rxe4]

34...hxg4 35.Nxe4 -4.49/22

[35.hxg4∓ -1.59/15 Nxg4 36.Rg3 *(36.Qxg4? Rg5-+* Pin *)*]

35...Rf5 36.Nxf6+ Qxf6? -0.84/20

[36...gxf6 37.Qh2 Rh5 38.Rc3]

[36...Rxf6-+ -3.07/22 has better winning chances. 37.Qh2 Rh6]

37.Qg3 And now d5 would win. **37...Bd5** -0.35/18 Black is more active.

[37...Qh6∓ -0.93/24 Strongly threatening ...Rh5. 38.Bc1 Qxh3 39.Qxh3 gxh3 40.Rxh3 Ra4]

38.hxg4∓ Rf4 39.Rbe3 -2.52/19 White is weak on the light squares. Black converts the advantage convincingly.

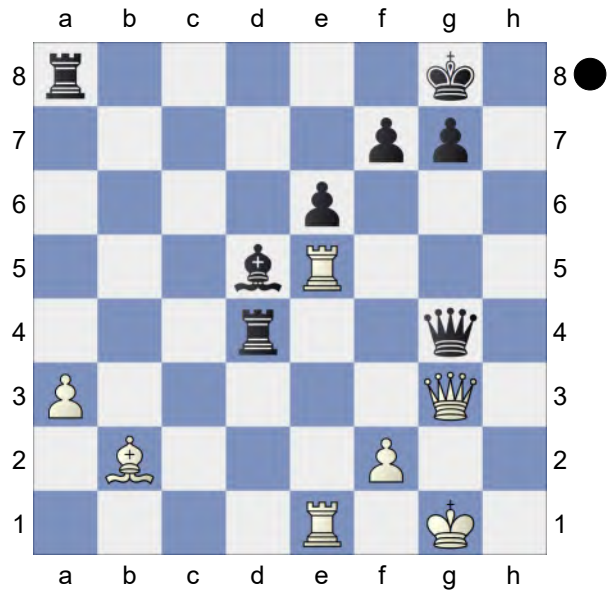
[White should try 39.Bc1!∓ -0.62/21 Rxg4 *(39...Rxd4 40.Rb8+ Rxb8 41.Qxb8+ Kh7 42.Qh2+ Kg8 43.Qb8+ Kh7 44.Qh2+ Kg8 45.Qb8+=)* 40.Qxg4 Bxb3 41.Re3]

39...Qg5-+ 40.Re5 Qxg4 White must now prevent ...f6. **41.Bc1 Rxd4→** Black attacks with force.

[41...Qxg3+ 42.fxg3 Rg4 *(42...Rxd4 43.Bb2∓)* 43.Rg5 Rxg5 *(43...Rxd4 44.Bb2∓)* 44.Bxg5-+]

42.Bb2 -3.34/22

[⌓42.Rg5 -2.38/16 Qxg3+ 43.Rxg3]



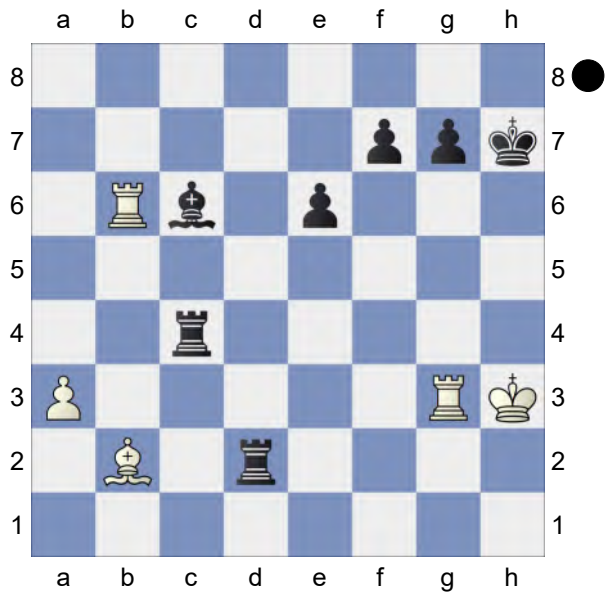
42...Qh4! 43.Qxh4 Rxh4 44.f3 Bxf3 45.Rb5 Rd8 46.Kf2 Bc6 47.Rb6 Rf4+ 48.Kg3 -5.28/21

[48.Ke2 -3.64/18 was worth a try. Bf3+ 49.Kf2]

48...Rc4 49.Re3 -5.31/19

[⌓49.Kf2 -3.75/19]

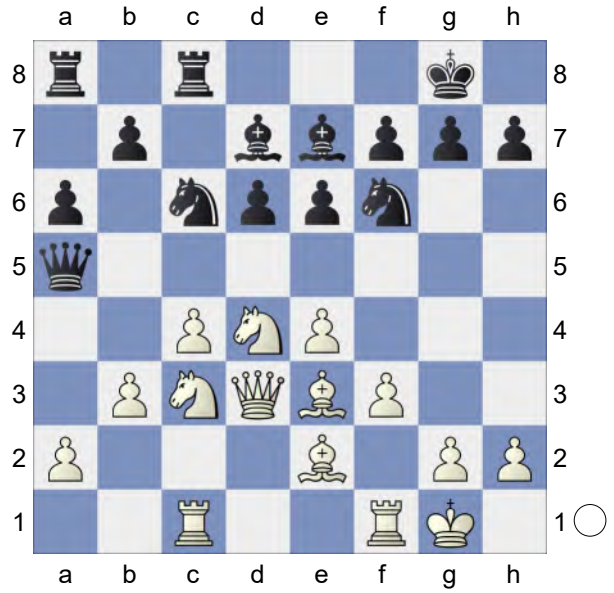
49...Rd2 Black is clearly winning. **50.Kh3 Kh7 51.Rg3**



e5! 52.Re3
[52.Rgb3 f6]
52...g5 (→ ...Rh4+) **53.Rxc6 Rxc6 54.Bxe5 f5** Threatens to win with ... Rh6+. **55.Bc3 Rh6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.37
0-1

B41
□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa 2269**
■ **Krush,Irina 2388**
ch-USA w 2024 (1.3) 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

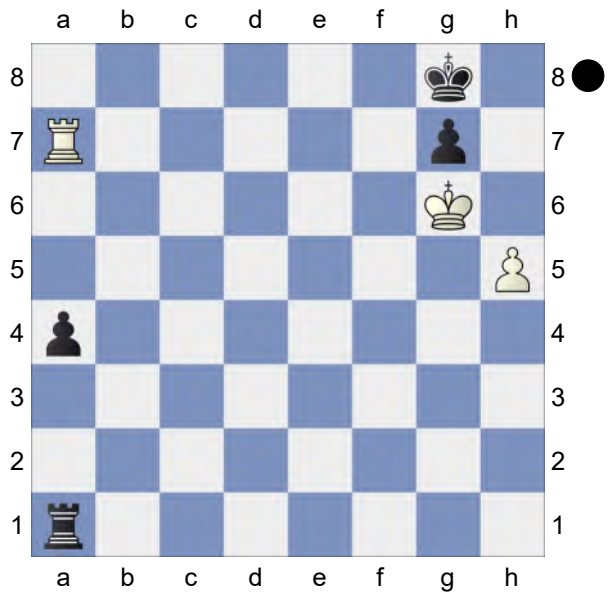
B41: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 c4 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.Be2 Bb4 8.Qd3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Be3** White is slightly better. **11...d6N** 0.74/20
[11...Ne5± 0.34/19 might be stronger. 12.Qd2 *(12.Qd1 b6 13.Rc1 Bb7 14.f3 Ng6 15.Kh1 h5* #16 19) 5.c4,7-5.c4 − 7.Be2 Bb4 8.Qd3 *)* 12...b6]
12.Rac1± Bd7 13.f3 0.58/22
[13.f4± 0.94/18]
13...Rfc8 14.b3 White is more active.
14...Qa5 0.73/19
[14...Qb8!= 0.30/20]



15.a4 0.17/18
[White should try 15.Nxc6!± 0.73/19 Bxc6 16.Bf2]
15...d5!= 16.exd5
[16.Nxc6 keeps more tension. Bxc6 17.cxd5 exd5 18.e5]
16...exd5 The position is equal. **17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.cxd5 Qxd5 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Qxd5 Bxd5 21.Bc4 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.bxc4** Endgame. KRB-KRB **23...Rc8 24.Rb1 Rc7 25.c5 h6 26.Kf1 Bxc5 27.Bxc5 Rxc5 28.Rxb7** KR-KR **28...Rc4 29.Rb8+ Kh7 30.Rb7 f5 31.a5 Ra4 32.Kf2 Rxa5 33.Kg3 Rb5 34.Ra7 Rb6 35.h4 Kg6 36.Kh3 h5 37.g4 fxg4+ 38.fxg4 hxg4+ 39.Kxg4 Kf6 40.h5 Rb4+ 41.Kf3 Ra4 42.Ke3 Ra1 43.Kf4 a5 44.Ra6+ Kf7 45.Kf5 a4 46.Ra7+ Kg8 47.Kg6**

(Diagram)

Rg1+ 48.Kf5 Kh7 49.Rxa4 Kh6 50.Rh4 Rg5+ 51.Kf4 Rxh5 52.Kg4



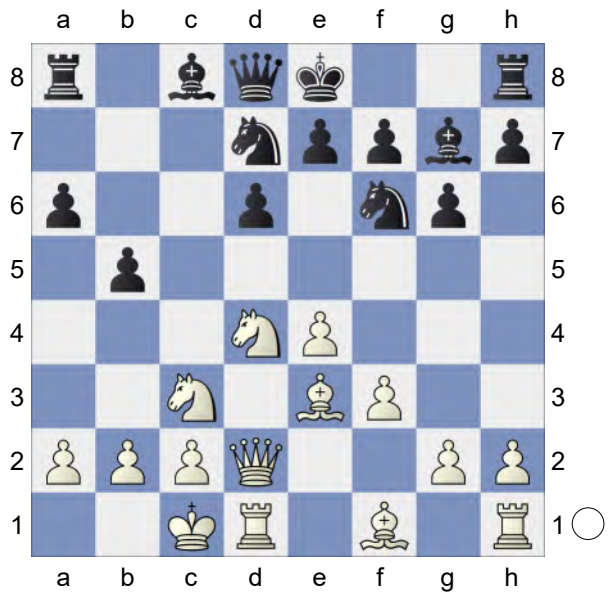
Rxh4+ 53.Kxh4 g5+
[53...Kg6!? 54.Kg4□ Kh6=]
54.Kg4 Kg6 55.Kg3 g4 56.Kxg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

B75
□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
■ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**
ch-USA w 2024 (1.4) 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B75: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.0-0-0** White is more active. **9...b5** 1.05/19
[9...h5!± 0.68/22 feels stronger.]

(Diagram)

10.g4!± Bb7 11.h4 Nb6N White is better.
[11...b4
A) 12.Nce2 Qa5 13.a3 0-0



14.Qxb4 Qc7 15.Qc3 *(15.h5 Rfc8 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Bh6 Bh8* 26. Yugoslav: 8. Qd2,9-g4,1 Breathe Fire: The Dragon Sicilian 6. Be3 (Yugoslav)*)* 15...Qb8 16.h5 Rc8 17.Qe1 Nxg4 18.fxg4 Bxe4 19.Rg1 Rxc2+ 20.Nxc2 Qxb2+ 21.Kd2 Qxc2# 7. Yugoslav: 8. Qd2, 9 Breathe Fire: The Dragon Sicilian Quickstarter Guide;
B) 12.Na4 Qa5 13.b3 Nc5 14.a3 Rc8 15.axb4 Nxb3+ 16.Nxb3 Qxa4 24. Yugoslav: 8. Qd2,9-0-0-0, 1 Breathe Fire: The Dragon Sicilian 6. Be3 (Yugoslav)]
[11...h5 12.g5 Nh7 13.f4 *(13.Nb3 0-0 14.Bd4 Bxd4 15.Nxd4 Nb6 16.Kb1 Qc7 17.a3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Qe3 Rfd8 21.Bd3 Nf8 22.Rhe1* B5 Bd6-Plessier,F Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) Agde 2006*)* 13...Qa5 14.Bg2 Rc8 15.Kb1 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Qc7 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Nb3 Qc8 21.Qd5 Bd6 22.Nd2 0-0 23.Ne4 Ne5 24.Bf4 Nc4 25.Bxd6 exd6 26.Nxd6 1-0 Siefring,C (2349)-Soderberg,K (2286) corr WCCC34SF

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12.Nb3 0.45/20

[12.h5± 1.24/19]

12...Nc4!⩲ 13.Bxc4 bxc4 14.Nd4 h5 15.g5 Nd7 16.Nde2 Ne5 0.89/20

[16...Qa5⩲ 0.46/21]

17.Rhf1± 0-0 18.Bd4 Qa5 19.Qe3 Qc7 20.Bxe5 -0.36/22

[Better is 20.Qg1± 0.85/22]

20...dxe5∓

[20...Bxe5?! 21.f4 Bh8 22.f5⩲]

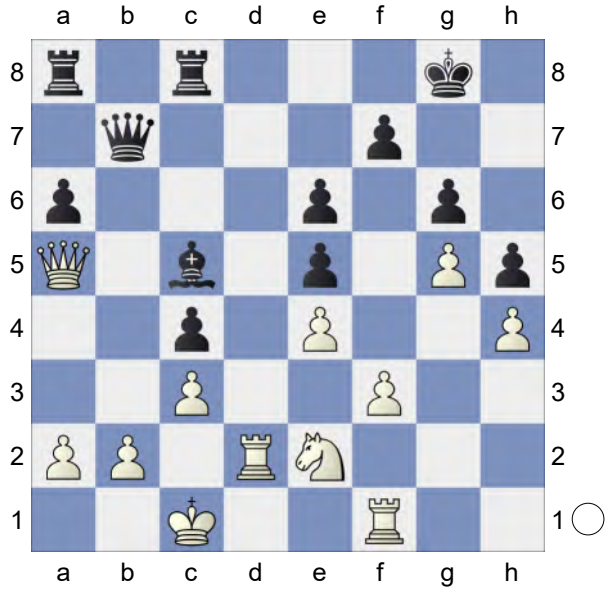
21.Nd5 -1.29/20

[21.Na4!∓ -0.32/21]

21...Bxd5∓ 22.Rxd5 e6 23.Qc5 -3.18/23

[23.Rc5∓ -1.30/20 was called for. Qb6 24.Qf2]

23...Qb7-+ 24.Rd2 Rfc8 25.Qa5 Bf8 Prevents c3. ...Rab8 would now be deadly. **26.c3 Bc5**



And now ...Be3 would win. **27.Kb1 Be3 28.Rc2 Rc5 29.Qa4 Rb8 30.Ka1 Rb5 31.Rb1 Qc7 32.b4**

[32.Qxa6? Ra5-+]

32...cxb3 33.Rxb3 Qd6 34.Kb2 Qd3 35.c4 R5b7 36.Nc1 Bd4+ White is weak on the dark squares **37.Kb1 Qxf3** -1.74/20

[⩍37...Qe3 -3.48/23 White must now prevent ...Qg1. 38.Qa3 Rxb3+ *(38...Qxf3 39.c5∓)* 39.axb3 Rb6 *(39...Qxf3? 40.c5-+)*]

38.c5 Qxe4 39.c6 Rxb3+ 40.axb3 Rc8? 0.00/48

[40...Qxh4 41.c7 Rc8 42.Qxa6+-]

[Black should play 40...Kg7∓ -1.60/24 aiming for ...Rb5. 41.Qxa6 Qd5 *(41...Qxh4 42.c7=)*]

41.Qxa6= The position is equal. **41...Rc7** ...Kh7! is the strong threat. **42.Qa5! Rc8**

[Much worse is 42...Rxc6?! 43.Qa8+ Kg7 44.Qxc6+-]

43.Qa6 Rc7 Hoping for ...Kg7! **44.Qa5! Rc8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.31

[44...Rxc6? perishes. 45.Qa8+ Kg7 46.Qxc6+-]

½-½

A05

□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**

■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**

ch-USA w 2024 (1.5) 11.10.2024

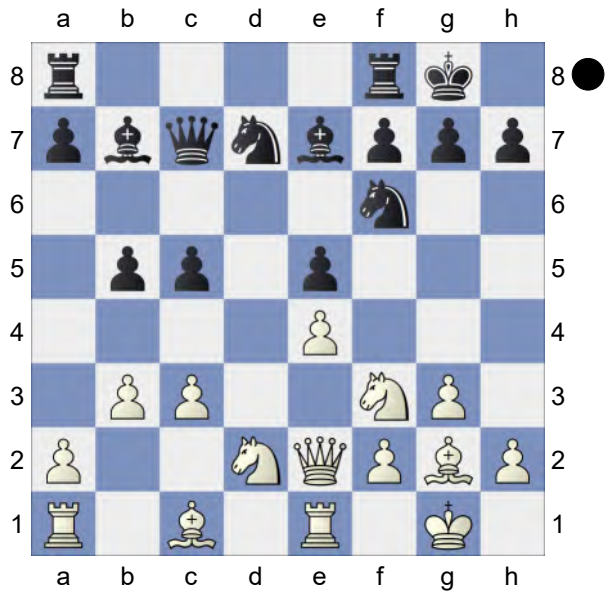
[Kitty Kat]

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 e6 5.d3 c5 6.e4 d6! 7.c3 Nbd7 8.Re1 Be7 9.Nbd2** The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.d4 e5N** 0.39/22

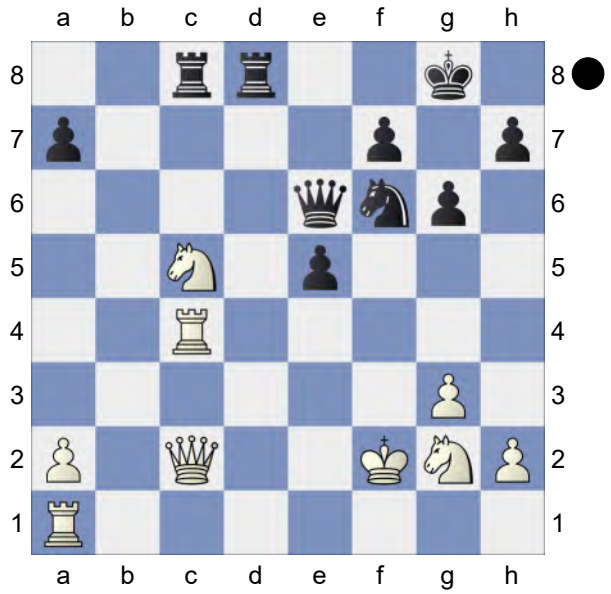
[10...Qc7= -0.21/20]

[10...a5 11.h3 a4 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Qe2 b4 15.c4 N5b6 16.Qe3 Ra7 17.Bf1 Qa8 18.Bd3 g6 19.Ne4 Rd8 20.Qf4 Nf8 21.Nfg5 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 Bh1 23.Be4 Bxe4 24.Nxe4 Rd4 25.Qf3 ½-½ Andries,C (1919)-Starr,A (1562) San Francisco TNM Marathon op 2012 (7)]

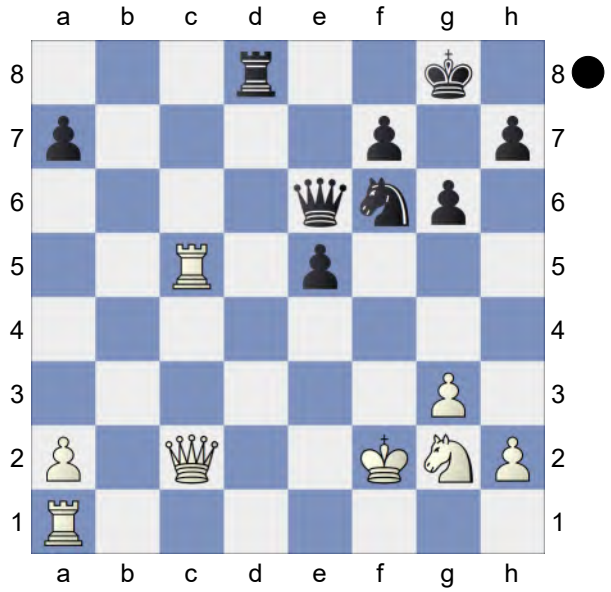
11.dxe5 0.03/20
[11.d5± 0.39/22 is superior.]
11...dxe5= 12.b3 Qc7 13.Qe2 -0.53/21
[13.a4= 0.01/23]



13...c4!∓ 14.bxc4
[14.a4 a5]
14...bxc4 15.Nh4 -1.06/19
[15.Qxc4∓ -0.63/17 Nc5 16.Qe2]
15...g6∓ 16.Qxc4 Nc5 And now ...Ba6 would win. **17.Qe2 Na4** -0.68/18
[17...Rfd8∓ -1.19/21 Threatens to win with ...Nd3. 18.c4 Rab8]
18.c4∓ Rfd8 Black has more active pieces. **19.Nb3 Rac8** 0.04/19
[19...Bb4∓ -0.34/18]
20.Bb2 -1.17/22
[20.Bd2= 0.04/19]
20...Bb4
[20...Qxc4 21.Qxc4 Rxc4 22.Bxe5±]
21.Rec1 Nxb2 22.Qxb2 Bxe4 This pair of bishops is nice. **23.c5! Bxg2 24.Nxg2 Qe7 25.Rc4** Prevents Ne4. **25...Bxc5 26.Qc2 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qe6↑** Black fights for an advantage.
28.Nc5? -4.00/22
[28.Rxc8= 0.00/22 and White stays safe. Rxc8 29.Qe2]



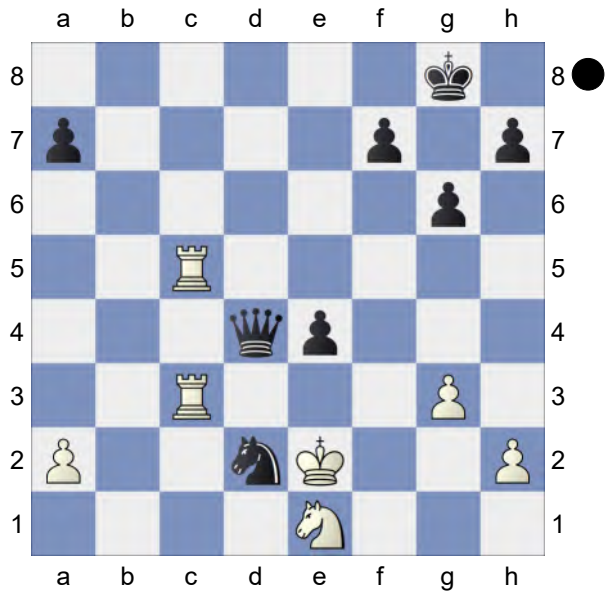
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
28...Rxc5!-+ 29.Rxc5



Rd2+!! Decoy **30.Qxd2**
[30.Kg1 Rxc2]
30...Ne4+ 31.Ke3
[31.Ke2 Qg4+ *(31...Nxc5?* perishes. *32.Qe3+-; 31...Nxd2? 32.Ne3-+)* 32.Kd3 Nxd2-+ *(32...Nxc5+? 33.Ke3+-)*]
31...Nxd2 32.Rac1 Repels Nc4+
32...Qd6
[32...Qxa2 33.R1c2 Nf1+ 34.Kf2-+]

33.Ne1 Qd4+ 34.Ke2 e4 Repels Nf3 **35.R1c3** -4.58/21

[35.R5c2 -2.89/19 keeps fighting. e3 36.a4]



35...e3! 36.Rc8+

[36.Rc7 Ne4]

36...Kg7 37.Nc2 Qg4+ 38.Kxe3 Qd1 39.h4 Nf1+ 40.Kf2 Nh2 (→ ...Ng4+) **41.Ne1 Ng4+ 42.Kf1 Qd2 43.Nd3** Repels Qf2+ **43...Ne3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.30

0-1

A13

□ **Yip,Carissa 2418**

■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia 2302**

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[Kitty Kat]

D34: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 c5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.d4N**

[6.b3 Be7 *(6...d4 7.d3 Bd6 8.e3 0-0 9.exd4 cxd4 10.a3 a5 11.Re1 h6 12.Qc2 e5 13.c5 Bc7 14.Nbd2 Re8 15.Nc4 e4 16.dxe4 d3 17.Qb2 Nxe4 18.Be3 Bf5 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Rxa1* 1-0 Ludwig,H (2470)-5. ♗e2 ♘d7 6.00 ♘e7_5435 (2343) European Club Cup, Antalya 2017 (7.2) *Be6 22.Rc1 Bd5 23.b5 Na5 24.Nxa5 Bxa5 25.Qd4 Bb3 26.Qxd8 Rxd8 27.c6 bxc6 28.bxc6 Bc2 29.Ne1 Bxe1 30.Bxe4 Ba5 31.Ra1 Bc7 32.Ra7 Bb8 33.Bd2 Be5 34.c7 Rc8 35.Bf5* 1-0 Rios,C (2470)-Barbero Sendic,A (2343) Catalunya-chT Gp2 Barcelona 2023 (7.2) *)* 7.e3 0-0 8.Bb2 b6 9.Nc3 Ba6 10.d3 Rc8 11.Qe2 Re8 12.Rfd1 Bf8 13.a3 g6 14.Na2 Bg7 15.b4 Nb8 16.Nc3 Nbd7 17.b5 Bb7 18.a4 Rc7 19.a5 h6 20.Na4 Nh7 0-1 Chuchelov, V (2535)-Michaelsen,N (2439) Pyramiden Franken Cup 2nd_98185 Fürth 1999 (6) 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.cxd5 Bxd5 23.e4 Ba8 24.d4 Qb8 25.axb6 axb6 26.e5 Nhf8 27.h4 Bd5 28.Qe3 Rec8 29.Nh2 h5 30.Nf3 Ra7 31.Qf4 cxd4 32.Ng5 Nxe5 33.Bxd5 exd5 34.Qxd4 Rc4 35.Qxb6 Rb7 ½-½ Chuchelov,V (2500)-Kindermann,S (2495) 57/116 Cuxhaven 1993]

6...Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Nc3 d4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.Rc1 Qb6 15.b3 Re8 16.Qc2 h6 White has an edge. **17.Rfd1 Bg4 18.Rd2 Rad8 19.Qc5 Qxc5 20.Rxc5 Re7** 0.85/22

[20...d3!= 0.09/23 keeps the balance. 21.Rxd3 *(21.exd3? Nd4-+)* 21...Rxe2 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8]

21.h3± Black is on the road to losing.

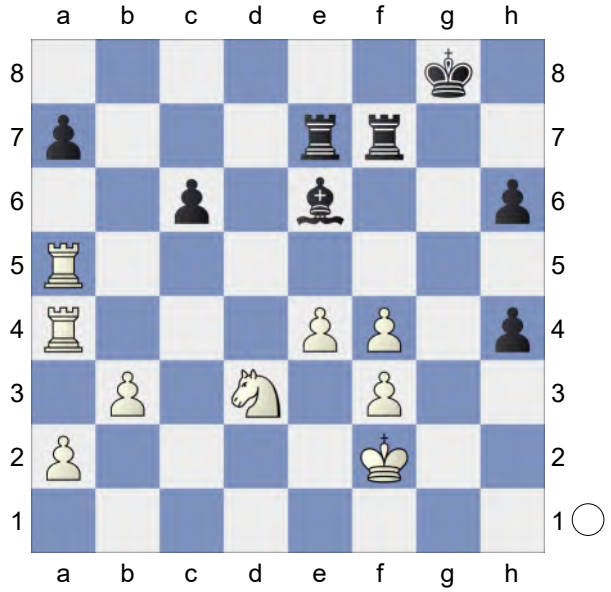
21...Be6 22.Ne1 Red7 1.42/18

[⌓22...Rd6 0.80/24]

23.Bxc6 bxc6 2.01/23

[23...Rc7± 1.42/24]

24.h4
[24.Rxc6?! Bxh3 25.Rc4 f6±]
24...Rd6 25.Nd3 Rb8 26.Ne5 Bd5 2.10/23
[26...Rd5± 1.31/18 27.Rdc2 *(27.Rxc6? Rxe5 28.Rd6 Rb4-+; 27.Nxc6 Rxc5 28.Nxb8 g6±; 27.Rxd5 Bxd5 28.Rxd4 Re8±)* 27...Rb5 28.Rxd5 *(28.Rxc6? Rxe5 29.f3 d3-+)* 28...Rxd5 29.Nxc6 d3 30.exd3 Rxd3]
27.Ra5 Rb7 28.Nd3 g5 2.06/25
[⌓28...Be6 1.69/22 29.Nc5 Rb5 30.Rxb5 *(30.Rxa7? Rxc5 31.f3 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 d3-+)* 30...cxb5]
29.f3+- f6 3.43/20
[29...gxh4 1.98/22 was called for. 30.gxh4 Be6]
30.Nc5 Re7 31.Kf2
[Weaker is 31.Rxd4 Rxe2 32.Ne4 *(32.Rxa7 f5=)* 32...Re6±]
31...f5 32.Rxd4 Rf6 33.Rda4 Rff7 34.Nd3 f4 35.gxf4 gxh4 36.e4 Be6 5.63/18
[36...Rg7 3.01/18]



37.f5 White is clearly winning. **37...Bc8 38.Ne5** Prevents Rd7. **38...Rf6 39.Ng4**
[39.Rxa7 Rxe5 40.Rc7 Re8=]
39...Rd6 40.Rxa7 Rd2+ 41.Ke3 Rxa7 42.Rxa7 Rd8 43.Nxh6+ Kf8 44.Rh7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.42
1-0

D87
□ **Lee,Alice 2395**
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia 2302**
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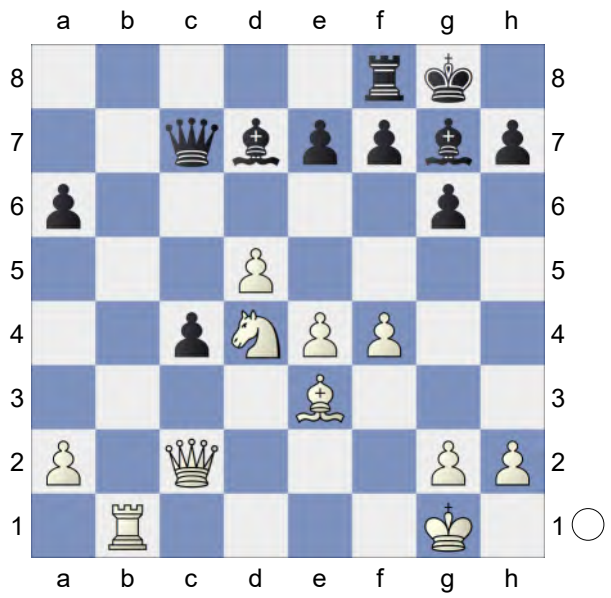
[Kitty Kat]

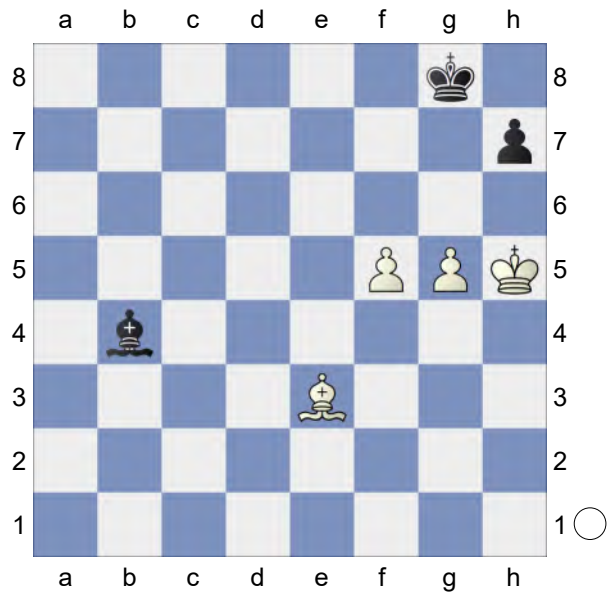
D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0**
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Majewski, J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1990]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 Bg4N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch, C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]
11.f3 Bd7 12.Bd3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nb4 14.Rb1 White is slightly better.
14...Nxd3 15.Qxd3 b5 16.Qd2 a6 17.d5 Rc8 18.Rfc1 Be5 19.Nd4 Rc4 0.79/25
[19...e6± 0.42/21]
20.f4± Bg7 21.Rxc4! bxc4 22.Qc2

0.15/22 White is more active.
[22.Qb4± 0.88/20]
22...Qc7=

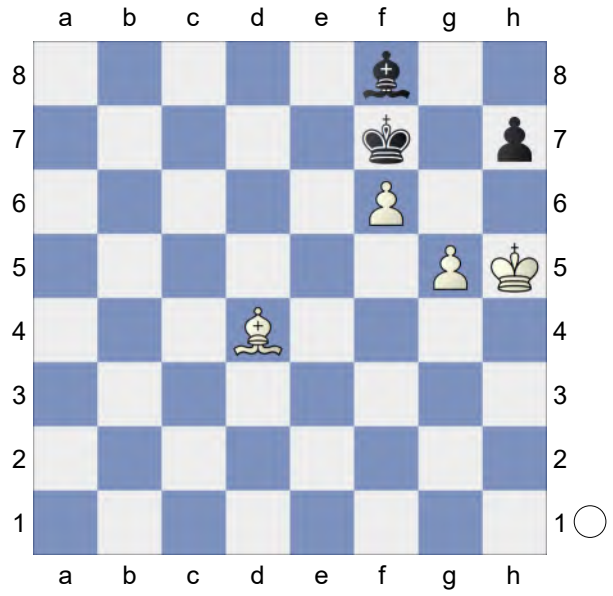


23.Nc6! Bxc6 24.Qxc4! Pin, Double Attack **24...Rc8! 25.dxc6 Qxc6 26.Qxc6 Rxc6** Endgame. KRB-KRB **27.Rb8+ Bf8 28.Ra8 f6 29.a4 Kf7 30.a5 e5 31.f5 gxf5 32.exf5 e4 33.Ra7+ Kg8 34.Kf2 Bd6 35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.Re8 Rc2+ 37.Kf1** Threatening Re6. **37...Ra2 38.Re6 Ra1+ 39.Ke2 Ra2+ 40.Kd1 Bb4 41.Rxa6 Rxa5 42.Rxa5 Bxa5** KB-KB **43.Kc2 Bc7 44.h3 Kf7 45.Kc3 Be5+ 46.Kc4 Bg3 47.Kd5 Be5 48.Kxe4 Bg3 49.Kf3 Be5 50.Kg4 Bc3 51.Kh5 Bb4 52.Kh6 Kg8 53.Bd4 Bd2+ 54.Kh5 Kf7 55.Bb2 Be3 56.Ba1 Bd2 57.Bd4 Bc1 58.Kg4 Bd2 59.Kf3 Bc1 60.Bc3 Ba3 61.Bd2 Bd6 62.Kg4 Ba3 63.Kh5 Bc5 64.Kh6 Kg8 65.Bc1 Bb4 66.Be3 Ba3 67.g3 Bb4 68.g4 Ba3 69.h4** g5 is the strong threat. **69...Bb4 70.g5** Strongly threatening g6. **70...Bf8+** 1.54/5
[70...Be1!= 0.10/35]
71.Kh5± fxg5 72.hxg5 Bb4

(Diagram)



73.Bd4? 0.10/47
[Only move: 73.f6!+- 11.20/40 Ba3 74.g6 hxg6+ 75.Kxg6]
73...Bf8? 11.04/28
[73...Bd6= 0.10/47]
74.Bb6? 0.10/47
[White should play 74.f6+- 11.04/28 g6 would kill now. Kf7 75.Be3]
74...Kf7 75.Bd4 Kg8? 10.21/27
[75...Bb4= 0.10/28]
76.f6 g6 would now be deadly. **76...Kf7**



77.Bc3? 0.04/53
[77.Be3!+- 8.56/41]

77...Bc5= The position is equal. **78.Kh6 Be3 79.Be5 Bd2 80.Bg3 Be3 81.Bh4 Kg8 82.Kh5 Kf7 83.Be1**
[83.Kh6!? Kg8□ 84.Bg3±]
83...Bd4 84.Bh4 Threatens to win with Kh6. **84...Be3 85.Kg4**
[85.Kh6!? Kg8□ 86.Be1±]
85...h6 86.Kf5 Intending g6+ and mate. **86...hxg5 87.Bxg5 Bxg5 88.Kxg5 Kf8 89.f7 Kxf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

B12
□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
■ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
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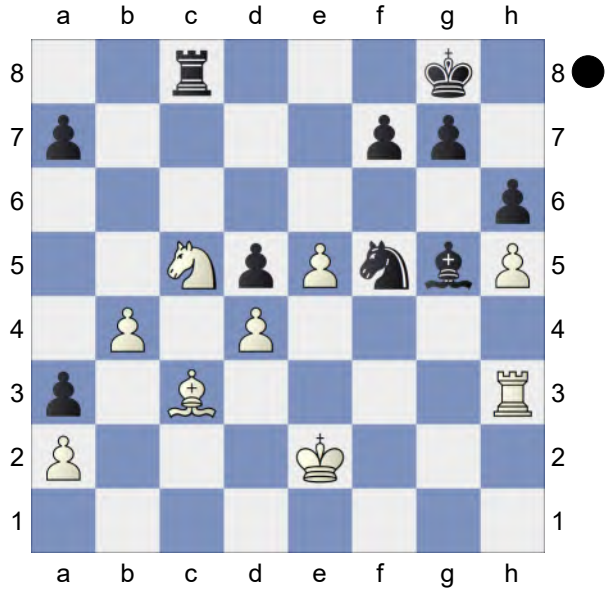
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Inf 64/(117) **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Nge2** -0.23/19
[Better is 6.a3± 0.37/22]
6...h6N 0.50/24
[6...dxc4= -0.23/19 7.Ng3 Bd3 *(7...Nd7 8.Bxc4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Qd7 10.0-0 Bg6 11.Be3 Ned5 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Rac1 0-0* Chapter-Line,A Lars Schandorff The Caro-Kann *)*]
[6...Nd7 7.Ng3 Bg6 8.h4 *(8.cxd5 cxd5 9.h4 h5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nc6 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Kb1 Nb6 16.f4 g6 17.Nf1 Kb8 18.Ne3 a6 19.Ne2 Rc8 20.Rc1 Rc7 21.Qb3 Ka7 22.g3 Rhc8* Nunn,J (2615)-Seirawan,Y (2625) Amsterdam_114311_127972 1995 *)* 8...h5 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Qd2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nd5 12.0-0 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rfe1 0-0-0 15.Rxe6 Nxc3 16.Qxc3 Bf7 17.Rxf6 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Be7 19.Rf5 Bxg5 20.Rxg5 Qxb2 21.Rd1 Caro Kann-8.♘f4 ♘f6 9.c3 ♕c7_6602 Survey 2019 Rhf8 22.Qe2 Qxe2 23.Nxe2 Kristiansen,E-Alsina Leal,D X Open Salou ESP 2008]
7.Ng3± Bh7 8.h4 Nd7 The position is equal. **9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Bd3 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Bxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Qb6 14.h5 0-0 15.Ne2 Qa6**
[15...f6!?]
16.Qxa6 bxa6 17.Nf4 Rfc8 18.Nd3 Ba5 19.Ke2 Rc2+ 20.Kd1 Rc4 21.Be3 Bb6 22.Rh4 Rac8 23.Rc1 Bd8 24.Rh3 Be7 25.b3 Rxc1+ 26.Bxc1 a5 27.g4 a4 28.Bd2 Nb8 29.f4 Nc6 30.Bc3 a3 31.f5 Bg5 32.b4 exf5 33.gxf5 Ne7! 34.Nc5
[34.Bd2 Nxf5 35.Nc5 Rb8 *(35...Nxd4 36.Rxa3 Bxd2 37.Kxd2∓)* 36.Rxa3 Bxd2 *(36...Nxd4 37.Rxa7 Bxd2 38.Nd7=)* 37.Kxd2 Rxb4 38.Rxa7 Nxd4 *(38...Rxd4+ 39.Ke1-+)* 39.Ra8+ Kh7∓]
34...Nxf5 35.Ke2 -0.95/21
[35.Bd2!= -0.18/20 remains equal.]



35...Be7 -0.48/21
[35...g6!∓ -0.95/21 36.Kd3 Be7]

36.Ba1∓ Rb8! 37.Rxa3 Rxb4 38.Rxa7 Bxc5 0.00/25

[38...Nxd4+? 39.Bxd4 Bxc5 40.Bxc5+-]

[38...Rxd4? 39.Rxe7 Rc4 40.Rc7+-]

[Black should play 38...Rb1!∓ -0.57/25 39.Bc3 Rh1]

39.dxc5 Endgame. Black must now prevent c6. KRB-KRN **39...Rc4 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.Rf8 Rc1 42.Bb2 Rc2+ 43.Kd3 Rxb2 44.Rxf7=** KRN-KR **44...Ng3 45.c6**

[45.e6!? Rb8□ *(45...Nxh5? 46.e7+-)* 46.Kd4 Nxh5 47.c6∓]

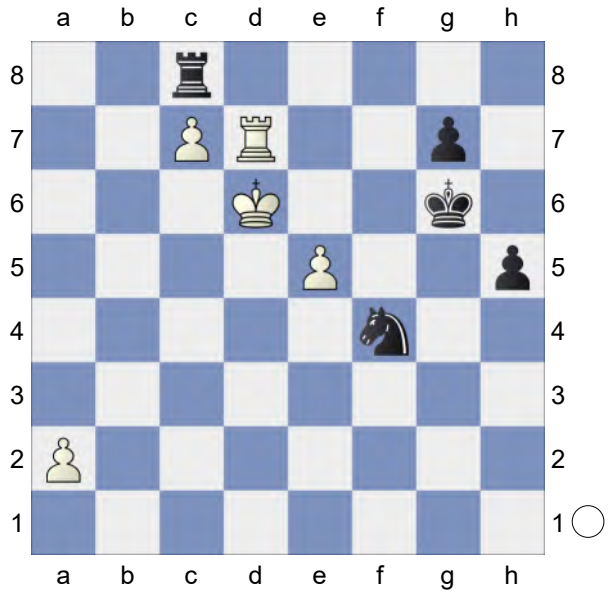
45...Rb8? 5.73/20 A mistake that costs the game.

[45...Nxh5?! 46.c7 Rb7 47.Kd2± *(47.c8R? Rxf7 48.Kd4 Nf4-+; 47.e6 Rxc7 48.Rxc7 Nf4+ 49.Ke3 Nxe6+-)*]

[45...Rxa2? 46.e6 *(46.c7 Ra8±)* 46...Ne4 *(46...Nxh5? 47.e7+-)* 47.e7+-]

[45...Ne4!= 0.24/20 and Black is okay.]

46.c7+- White is clearly winning. **46...Rc8 47.Kd4 Nxh5 48.Kxd5 Kg6 49.Rd7 Nf4+ 50.Kd6 h5**



51.e6!

[51.Rd8? Rxc7 52.e6 Nxe6 53.Kxe6 h4-+]

51...Nxe6 52.Kxe6 h4 53.Kd6 Rd8 is the strong threat. **53...h3 54.Re7 Kf6 55.Re3 Rh8 56.Rf3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.35

[Weaker is 56.Rxh3 Rxh3 57.a4 *(57.c8Q Rd3+ 58.Kc6 Rc3+ 59.Kb7 Rxc8=)* 57...Rh8=]

1-0

A05

□ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**

■ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**

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[Kitty Kat]

A11: English Opening: 1...c6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 a5 6.0-0 d5 7.c4 c6 8.d3 Nbd7N**

[8...Na6 9.Nbd2 *(9.a3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Qc8 11.Rc1 Nc7 12.Qc2 Bh3 13.cxd5 Nfxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.e4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nf6 17.d4 Ne6 18.Nc4 Rd8 19.Rfd1 Nf4+ 20.Kg1 Qh3 21.Ne1 Ne6 22.Qb2 Kg8 23.f3 Qh6* 5 Chapter-Games Chapter 11 Game *)* 9...Bg4 *(9...Re8 10.a3 Bf5 11.Qc2 Qc8 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bh3 14.e5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nh5 16.Rfe1 Nc5 17.Bd4 Ne6 18.Be3 Rd8 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.Qe4 Bf8 21.h4 Nhg7 22.Ng5 h5 23.Ndf3 Rxd1 24.Rxd1* 1-0 Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2717)-5. ♗e2 0-0-0 6. ♗e3_46143 (2638) 132/145 Karlsruhe 2017 (5) *)* 10.h3 Bf5 11.Re1 Qd7 12.Kh2 Rfd8 13.Qc1 a4 14.e4 Be6 15.Ng5 dxe4 16.Nxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Nc5 18.Bf1 axb3 19.axb3 Rxa1 20.Bxa1 Nfd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7

22.Qc3+ Qe5 23.Qb4 ½-½ Dora,I (2175)-2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 (2213) 85/256 Kallithea 2002 (8)]

[8...Qb6 9.Nbd2 a4 10.Bc3 Nfd7 11.d4 Qa7 12.e3 Re8 13.Qc1 e6 14.Qc2 b6 15.Rfc1 Bb7 16.b4 b5 17.c5 f5 18.a3 Bc8 19.Ne5 Nf6 20.f3 Qc7 21.Rf1 Nbd7 22.Qb2 Nxe5 23.dxe5 1-0 14.c:d6-Sarbay Bogatyrchuk mem corr9092 1990]

9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Na3 Repels b5 **10...a4** The position is equal. **11.b4 Re8** 0.55/19

[11...e5= 0.18/25]

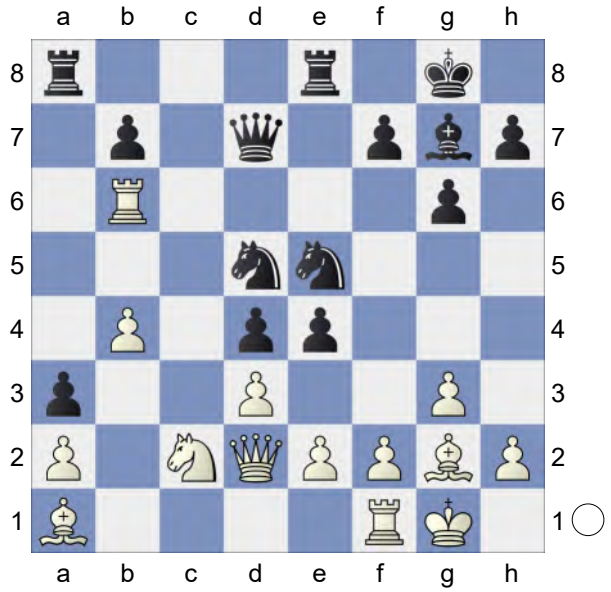
12.Rc1± Qb6 Wards off Nb5 **13.Qd2 e5 14.Nc2** -0.24/20

[White should try 14.Rc2± 0.34/21]

14...e4 15.Nfd4 Ne5 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Rc5 a3 18.Ba1 Qd6 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 And now dxe4 would win. **20...Qd7 21.Rb6** -3.07/23 Loses the game.

[21.Rc5± 0.40/21 stays ahead.]

21...d4-+ 22.Nc2 Nd5



Trapped Piece **23.Bxd4 Nxb6 24.Bxb6 Nc4** Repels Be3 **25.Bh3 f5**

[25...Nxd2 26.Bxd7 exd3 27.Bxe8 dxc2 28.Rc1-+]

[But not 25...Qxh3 26.dxc4 Qe6 27.Bc5-+]

26.Qf4 Nxb6 27.dxe4 Be5

[Much less strong is 27...Rxe4 28.Qxe4 fxe4 29.Bxd7 Nxd7 30.Rd1-+]

28.Qg5 Qd8 29.Qh6 Bg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.12 (very precise)

0-1

D91

□ **Krush,Irina** **2388**

■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**

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[Kitty Kat]

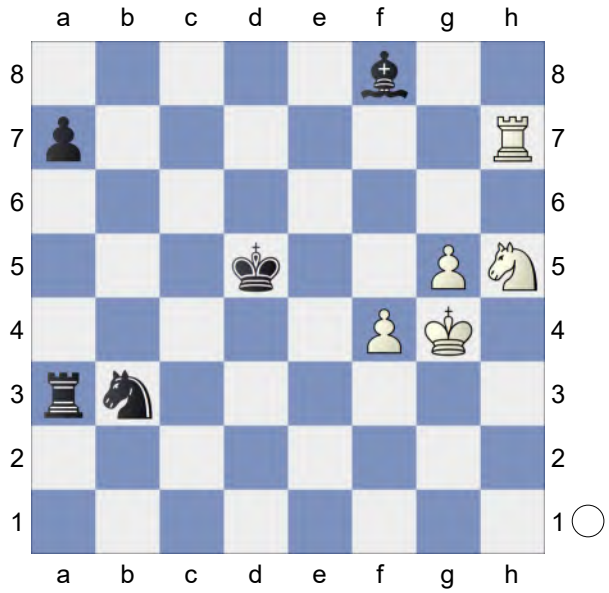
D91: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 **1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 c6 11.0-0 Re8N**

[11...Qe7 12.a3 Nd7 *(12...Be6)* 13.b4 Nb6 *(13...a6 14.Qb3 Nb6 15.a4 Be6 16.Nd2 f5 17.g3 Rae8 18.Rac1 f4 19.gxf4 g5 20.f5 Rxf5 21.Kh1 Ref8 22.Nd1 Kh8 23.Rg1 Bg8 24.Bf1 Bf7 25.b5 cxb5 26.axb5 a5 27.Bd3 Rf6 28.Qc3* 0-1 6.0-0 ♘f6 7.d4 0-0_47248-Somlai,L 46/348 Belgrad 1988 (4.3) *Nc4 29.Nxc4 dxc4 30.Bxc4 Rc8 31.Qb3 Rxc4 32.Rxc4 Bd5+ 33.f3 Bxf3+* 0-1 6.0-0 ♘f6 7.d4 0-0_47248-Somlai, L Jugoslavija 1/71 1966 (4.3)*)* 14.Qb3 Be6 15.Rfe1 f5 16.Bf1 g5 17.Ne2 Nc4 Chess Informant ECO Chess Informant ECO D3 Survey 1998]

12.Rc1 Qd6 13.Na4 b6 Black has an edge. **14.a3 Nd7 15.Qc2 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Rac8 17.b4 f5** 0.70/20

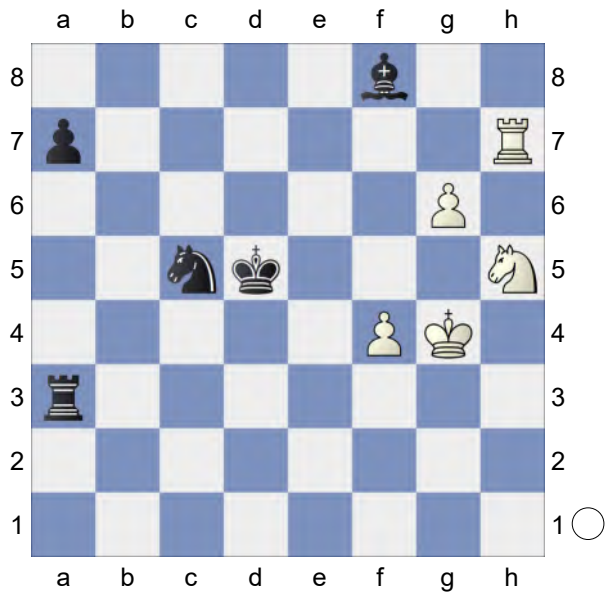
[17...Bf8= 0.00/21]

18.g3⩲ Nf6 19.Nb2 Ng4 1.19/21
[19...Ne4⩲ 0.67/19]
20.Nd3± Ba6 21.Nf4 Bxe2 22.Qxe2 Bh6 23.Qd3 Re4 24.b5 0.93/22
[⌓24.Re1 1.56/20]
24...g5 1.81/21
[24...Re7± 0.93/22]
25.Ng2+- f4 26.exf4 0.79/19
[⌓26.h3 1.47/22 Nxf2 27.Kxf2]
26...gxf4± 27.Rxc6
[27.Rc2 is interesting. c5 28.dxc5 Rxc5 29.Ngh4]
27...Rxc6 28.bxc6 fxg3 29.hxg3 Qxc6 30.Nd2 0.18/25 Prevents Qc4
[White should try 30.Nfh4!± 0.74/21 Black must now prevent f3. Qe6 31.Rf1 *(31.f3 Be3+ 32.Nxe3 Rxe3⩲)*]
30...Re7= 31.Qf3 Qd7 ...Rf7 is the strong threat. **32.Qd3! Rf7 33.f3 Nf6 34.Nf1 Nh5 35.Re1 Bg7** 1.36/23
[35...Qd6= 0.28/21 keeps the balance.]
36.Kh2 0.16/18
[36.g4± 1.36/23]
36...Qa4 37.Qe3 Threatens to win with g4. **37...Qxd4 38.Qe8+** -0.70/18
[38.Qg5= 0.00/23 Nf6 39.Nfe3]
38...Bf8∓ 39.Nfe3! Nf6 0.00/19 Repels Ng4
[Black should play 39...Ng7∓ -0.66/21 40.Qd8 Ne6 *(40...Rxf3 41.Nxd5 Qf2 42.Qh4∓)* 41.Qxd5 Qxd5 42.Nxd5 Ng5]
40.Qe6= Nd7
[40...Bxa3? 41.Nf5 Qd3 42.Nh6+ Kg7 43.Qxf7++- *(43.Nxf7 Qg6+-)*]
41.Nxd5 Nc5 Repels Re4 **42.Qc6 Rf5** Repels f4 **43.Ndf4** Wards off Rh5+ **43...Rf6 44.Qe8 Rh6+ 45.Nh5** Excellent horsemanship. **45...Qd7**
[45...Qf6 with more complications. 46.Ngf4 Qf7 47.Kg2 Nd3]
46.g4 Qxe8 47.Rxe8 Rd6
[47...Kf7 48.Ra8⩲]
48.Nh4 Rd2+ 49.Kh3 Rd3 50.g5 Kf7 51.Ra8 Rxa3 52.Kg4 Nd7 53.f4 Prevents Ne5+. **53...b5 54.Rc8 b4 55.Rc7 Ke6** And now ...b3 would win. **56.Nf5** Strongly threatening Nd4+. **56...Nc5?** 3.16/24
[56...Rd3= 0.00/21 and Black is okay. 57.Nfg7+ Kd6 58.Ne8+ Ke6]
57.Rxh7? 0.07/20
[57.Nf6!+- 3.16/24 Ra6 58.Nd4+ *(58.Rxh7 Rb6+-; 58.Nxh7 Bd6±)* 58...Kd6 59.Rc8 *(59.Rxh7 Rb6+-)* 59...h5+ 60.Kxh5]
57...b3⇄ Black has counterplay **58.Nd4+ Kd5 59.Nxb3 Nxb3** 3.00/21
[59...Rxb3= 0.10/20 and Black stays safe. 60.Rf7 *(60.Rxa7 Ne4∓)* 60...Rb8]

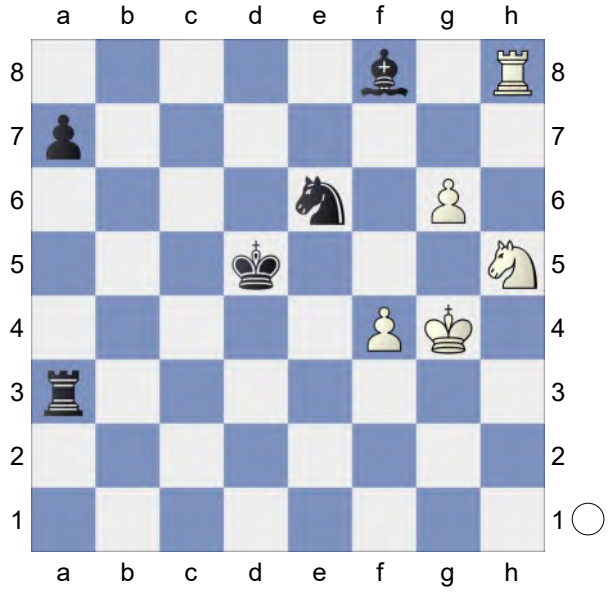


60.g6? 0.02/18
[60.Rf7!+- 3.00/21]
60...Nc5? 1.63/18
[60...Ra1= 0.02/18]

(Diagram)



61.Rh8!+-
[61.Nf6+ Ke6 62.Rf7 Bh6±]
61...Ne6? 6.73/19
[61...Ra6± 1.09/17]



62.Rxf8! Endgame. Deflection, Promotion. KRN-KRN. White is clearly winning. **62...Ra1**
[62...Ra4 63.Rd8+]
63.Rf7 a5 64.f5 Ra4+ 65.Kg3 Ra3+ 66.Kf2 Ra2+ 67.Ke1 Ra1+ 68.Kd2 Hoping for Nf6+. **68...Ra2+ 69.Kc3 Nc5 70.g7 Ne4+ 71.Kb3 Rg2 72.Nf4+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

D31
□ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim 2374**
■ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa 2269**
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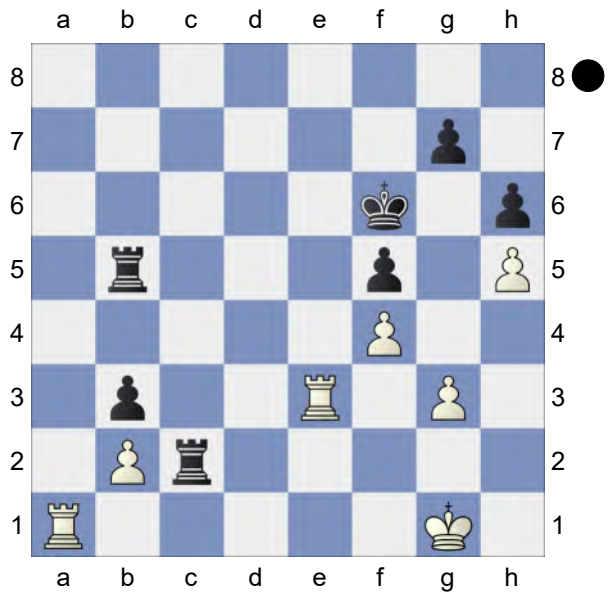
[Kitty Kat]

D48: Semi-Slav: Meran System: 7...b5 8 Bd3 a6 **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4**
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Los,A (2003)-Zwirs,N (2444) Hilversum op 2023 (1)*)* 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...a6N
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Nb1 c5 8.Bxc4 Bb7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.a5 Be7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Nc4 Be4 0.29/21
[⌓13...Qc7 -0.18/18]
14.Bxe4= Nxe4 White has an edge.
15.Qc2 -0.01/23

[15.Nfe5± 0.35/23]
15...Nd6 16.Rd1 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Qc8 18.Qe2 cxd4 19.exd4 Nf6 20.Ne5 Qb7 21.h4 -0.67/21
[21.Bg5= -0.15/21]
21...Qe4 0.18/22
[Black should play 21...Rac8∓ -0.67/21]
22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Re1 f5 24.g3 Rfc8 25.Nd3 Rc2 26.Be3 b3 27.Red1 Rac8 28.Rab1 -0.84/19
[28.Kf1= -0.25/25 remains equal.]
28...Bd8 -0.09/21 Black has more active pieces.
[28...g5!∓ -0.84/19 29.f3 Nxg3 30.hxg5 Bd6]
29.Nc5 Nxc5 30.dxc5 Bxa5 White should prevent ...Rd8. **31.Rd6 Bb4 32.Rxa6 Bxc5 33.Rxe6 Kf7 34.Re5 Kf6**↑ Black has good play. **35.f4 Rc6 36.h5**
[36.Bxc5 simplifies R2xc5 37.Rxc5 Rxc5 38.Kf2]
36...h6 -0.01/33
[36...Bb6∓ -0.50/25 should be considered.]
37.Bxc5 R6xc5 Endgame. KRR-KRR
38.Re3 Rb5 39.Ra1 -0.71/28
[39.Rbe1= -0.01/26]

(Diagram)

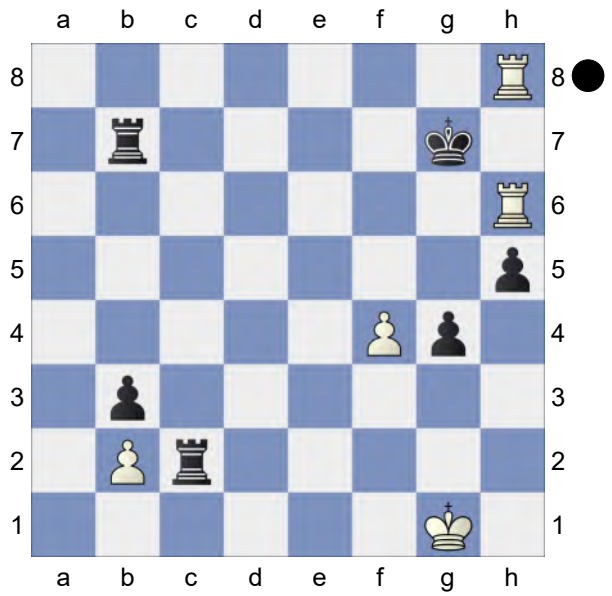
39...Rb7!∓
[39...Rxb2 40.Ra6+ Kf7 41.Ra7+ Kf6 *(41...Kg8 42.Re8+ Kh7 43.Raa8)* 42.Ra6+ Kf7 43.Ra7+ Kf8 *(43...Kg8 44.Re8+ Kh7 45.Raa8)* 44.Ra8+ Kf7 45.Ra7+=]
40.Ra6+? -3.15/20
[40.Rb1∓ -1.09/22]
40...Kf7-+ 41.Ra5 g6 -1.79/19
[41...Rxb2 42.Rxf5+ Kg8 43.Re8+ Kh7 44.Rff8=]



[⌓41...Rd7 -3.21/24 42.Rxf5+ Kg8]
42.hxg6+? -3.41/19
[42.Ree5 -1.79/19]
42...Kxg6 43.g4 fxg4 44.Re6+ Kg7 45.Raa6 h5? -0.02/20
[45...Rxb2 46.Rg6+ Kf8 47.Ra8+ Kf7 48.Rxh6]
[45...Rd7-+ -4.71/23 (→ ...Rd1+) 46.Rg6+ Kf8 47.Raf6+ Ke8 48.Re6+ Kd8]
46.Rg6+= Kf8 47.Ra8+! Kf7 48.Rh6! Kg7 Inhibits Rh7+.
[48...Rxb2 49.Rh7+ *(49.Rxh5 Kg7=)* 49...Ke6 50.Rxb7+-]
49.Rah8? -3.64/26
[49.Rxh5∓ -0.38/17 Re7 *(49...Rxb2 50.Rg5+ Kf7 51.Rh5=)* 50.Rg5+ Kf7 51.Rf5+ Kg7 52.Rg5+ Kf6 53.Ra6+ Re6 54.Rxe6+ Kxe6 55.f5+ Kf6 56.Rxg4]

(Diagram)

49...Rf7? -0.07/20
[49...Rxb2? perishes. 50.R8h7+ *(50.Rxh5? Re7-+)* 50...Kg8 51.Rxb7+-]



[Black should try 49...Re7!-+ -3.64/26 50.R6h7+ Kf6 51.Rf8+ Ke6 52.Rxh5 Kd7 *(52...Rxb2 53.Ra8-+)* 53.Rd5+ Kc7]

50.R8h7+ Kf8 Hoping for ...Rxh7. **51.Rxf7+** -11.40/18 Black converts the advantage convincingly.

[51.Rh8+= -0.07/20 Ke7 52.Rb6]

51...Kxf7-+ 52.Rxh5 Rxb2= KR-KR **53.Rb5 Ke6 54.Re5+ Kf6 55.Rb5 g3 56.f5 Kg5 57.f6+ Kxf6 58.Rb8 Ke5** aiming for ...Ke4. **59.Re8+ Kd4 60.Rd8+ Kc3 61.Rc8+ Kd2 62.Rd8+ Kc1 63.Rb8 Rb1 64.Kg2 Kb2 65.Kxg3 Rf1** White must now prevent ...Kc2. **66.Kg4 Kc2** Threatens to win with ...b2. **67.Rc8+ Kb1** And now ...b2 would win. **68.Rb8 b2** Black mates. **69.Rb7 Kc2 70.Rc7+ Kd3** -13.73/22 Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/Black=0.55

[⚠70...Kd2 -#40/20 71.Rb7 b1Q *(71...b1B 72.Re7∓)* 72.Rxb1 Rxb1 73.Kf5 Re1 74.Kf6 Kd3 75.Kf5 Kd4 76.Kg4 Ke4 77.Kg5 Rf1 78.Kg6 Ke5 79.Kg5 Rg1+ 80.Kh4 Ke4 81.Kh3 Kf4 82.Kh2 Rg3 83.Kh1 Kf3 84.Kh2 Kf2 85.Kh1 Rh3#]

0-1

A07

□ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**
■ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
ch-USA w 2024 (2.6) 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nd7 3.d4N**

[3.Bg2 e5 4.0-0 Ngf6 5.d4 e4 6.Ne5 Bd6 7.Nxd7 Bxd7 8.c4 c6 *(8...h6 9.cxd5 0-0 10.Nc3 Re8 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.f3 exf3 13.Bxf3 c5 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Qf5 Bd7 16.Qd3 Bc6 17.d5 Bd7 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Re3 21.Qd2 Rae8* #4 ⊕ 7) 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nd7-3.Bg2 e5 4.O-O *)* 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Nc3 Be6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.Rac1 0-0 14.Nb5 Ne8 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rc2 a6 17.Nc3 f5 0-1 Roulet Dubonnet,E (2164)-Dauner,B (2389) Benidorm op-A 2023 (8)]

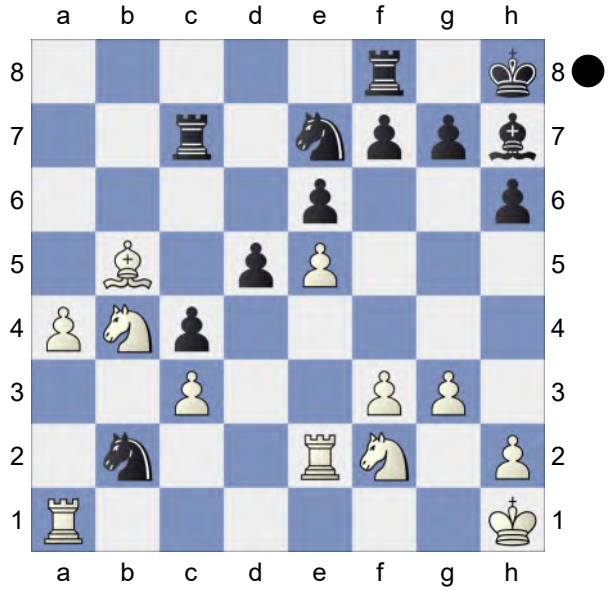
[3.c4 dxc4 4.Bg2 e5 5.Qc2 Bd6 6.Qxc4 Nb6 7.Qc2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 h6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Bxg3 12.hxg3 Qxd4 13.Nb5 Qe5 14.Nxc7 Bf5 15.Qc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Rac8 #2 ⊕ 7) 1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nd7-3.c4 dxc4 4. Bg2]

3...Nb6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.Nbd2 c6 6.0-0 e6 7.Re1 Nf6 8.Ne5 Be7 9.c3 0-0 10.f3 -0.27/22

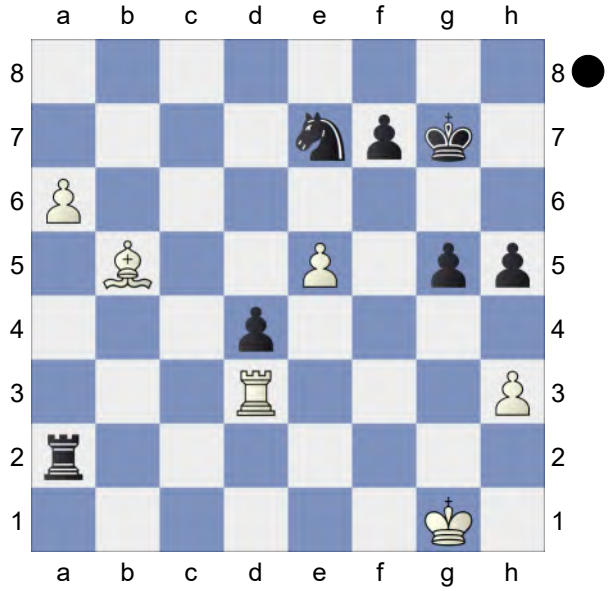
[10.e4 0.22/21 deserves consideration. Bxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Rxe4]

10...h6= 11.e4 Bh7 12.Nb3 Na4 13.Nd3 Rc8 14.Qe2 b6 15.Nf2 Kh8

0.13/19
[15...b5∓ -0.37/19]
16.Kh1 -0.40/18
[16.c4!= 0.13/19]
16...Qd7 17.e5 Ng8 18.Bf1! a5 19.Be3 c5 -0.07/21
[19...Rfd8∓ -0.54/20]
20.dxc5 bxc5 aiming for ...c4. **21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Bxb5 Nxb2 23.Nxa5 c4** 0.62/21
[Black should try 23...Ra8= 0.00/20 24.Nc6 c4]
24.a4± Bc5 25.Nc6 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Rc7 27.Nb4 -0.29/24
[⌓27.Re2 0.25/21 Nd3 28.a5]
27...Ne7
[27...Nd3!? 28.Nbxd3 *(28.Nfxd3 cxd3 29.Ree1 Rxc3∓)* 28...cxd3∓]
28.Re2 -0.39/19
[28.Ra3= 0.01/22]



28...Nd3!∓ 29.Nfxd3
[29.Nbxd3 cxd3]
29...Bxd3 0.00/23
[29...cxd3∓ -0.48/25 30.Nxd3 Rxc3]
30.Nxd3 cxd3 31.Rd2 Rxc3 32.Rxd3 Rc5 33.f4 g5 34.Rf1 Kg7 35.Kg2 Nf5 36.Kh1 Rfc8 37.g4 Rc1 38.Kg1 Ne7 39.f5! exf5 40.gxf5 Black must now prevent f6+. **40...Nxf5 41.a5 Rxf1+ 42.Kxf1=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **42...Rc1+ 43.Kf2 Rc2+ 44.Kg1 Ra2 45.a6 d4 46.h3 h5 47.Bd7 Ne7** ...Ra1+ would now be deadly. **48.Bb5**



Nf5 -0.13/23
[48...Ra5!∓ -0.78/23 49.Bd7 Ng6 *(49...Rxa6? 50.Rxd4 Ng6 51.Re4∓)* 50.Rxd4 Rxa6]
49.Bd7 -0.69/21
[Better is 49.Rb3= -0.13/23]
49...Kg6 -0.07/21
[49...Nh4!∓ -0.69/21 50.Bb5 g4 51.hxg4 hxg4]
50.Rf3 The position is equal.
[50.e6 simplifies fxe6 51.Bxe6 Rxa6 52.Bxf5+ Kxf5 53.Rxd4 Ra2 54.Kf1]
50...Nh6
[50...Nh4!? 51.Rf6+□ Kg7=]
51.Rf6+ Kg7 52.Rd6 g4 53.hxg4
[53.Rxd4 simplifies Rxa6 54.hxg4 hxg4 55.Kg2]
53...Nxg4 54.e6 Hoping for e7.
54...fxe6 55.Bxe6 Ra1+ 56.Kg2 Kf8 57.Bc8 Ra4 58.Rd8+ Ke7 59.Rd7+ Kf6 60.a7 Rd6+ is the strong threat.
60...Kg5 61.Rg7+ Kh4 62.Be6 Ra3

63.Kf1 d3 64.Ke1 Ne3 Against Bd5 **65.Rd7 Kg5 66.Rxd3** Promotion **66...Rxa7 67.Rxe3** KRB-KR **67...Re7 68.Kf2 Kf6 69.Bh3 Rxe3 70.Kxe3 h4 71.Kf4**

[71.Bd7!? h3□ 72.Bxh3=]

71...Ke7 72.Kg4 Kd6 73.Kxh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

B75

□ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**

■ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**

ch-USA w 2024 (3.1) 13.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B75: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 h5 9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.Kb1 a6**

[10...Rc8 11.Nxc6 *(11.Nd5 a6 12.g3 b5 13.Rg1 Ne5 14.h3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.g4 hxg4 17.hxg4 Nxd5 18.exd5 Qa8 19.Nb3 b4 20.Na5 Rc8 21.Bd4 f6 22.g5 Qxd5 23.gxf6 Bxf6 24.Bxf6 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 exf6* 0-1 Novikov,M (2266)-Mohr,G (2425) USSR (ch) 1991 (7)*)* 11...bxc6 12.Bc4 Qa5 13.Rhe1 Be6 14.Bb3 Nd7 15.Bd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Rg8 17.f4 Rb8 18.Qf2 Qb6 19.Qd2 Nc5 20.Qc1 Rb7 21.Re3 Kd7 22.Rde1 a5 23.f5 Bxb3 24.cxb3 f6 25.Qd2 ½-½ Ethereal13.07 NNUE-15EE (3497)-Stockfish2021061923 (3632) TCEC 21 Premier 2021 tcec-chess.com INT (55.2)]

11.Nd5 Threatens to win with Nxc6.

11...Ne5N

[11...0-0 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.h4 Qb6 14.c3 Qa5 15.Nb3 Qa4 16.g4 hxg4 17.h5 Ne5 18.Nd4 gxf3 19.b3 Qa5 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Bf4 Rac8 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 23.Bc4+ Rxc4 24.bxc4 Bc6 25.Kb2 Bxe4 26.Rde1 0-1 Schulten, B (2550)-5.a3 (2624) 85/(423) Ohrid 2001 (1) Bg5 27.Qf2 Rf4 28.Rh3 Bf6 29.Re3 Qc5 30.Nb3 Qxc4 31.Qh2 f2 0-1 Zhang,P (2550)-Shabalov,A (2624) USA-CHN Summit 2nd Shanghai 2002 (1)]

12.Bg5 0.42/19

[White should play 12.Nxf6+± 1.15/21 Bxf6 13.f4]

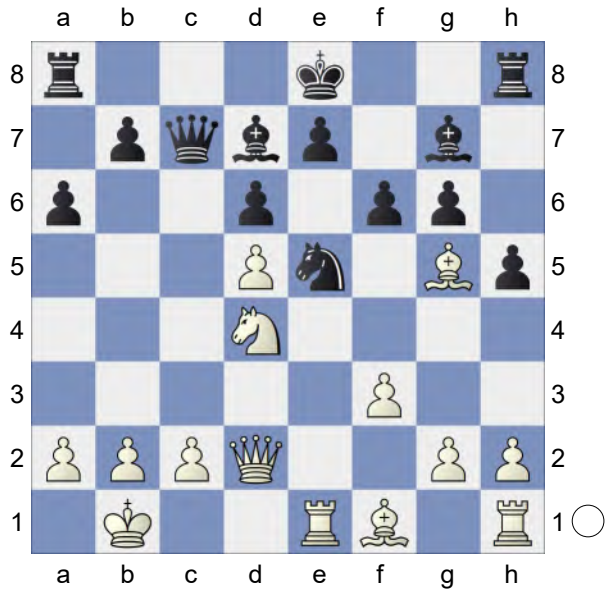
12...Nxd5± White is slightly better.

13.exd5 Qc7 14.Re1 0.13/20

[14.Be2± 0.75/18]

14...f6 1.02/19

[14...0-0!= 0.13/20 keeps the balance.]



15.Bh4!± 0-0-0 2.28/22

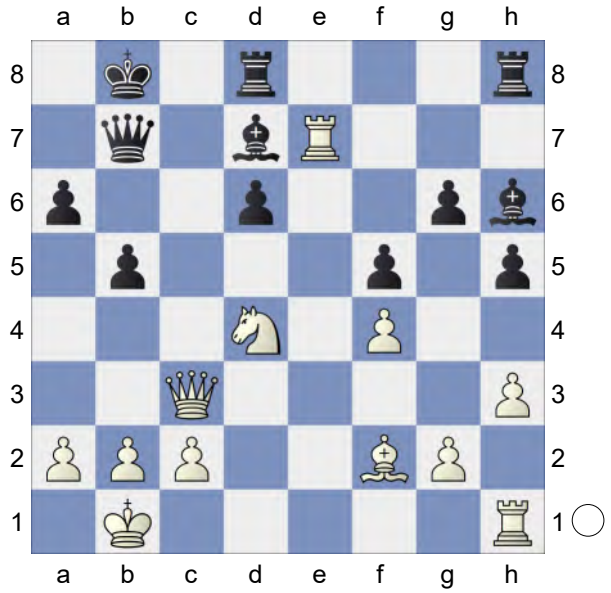
[15...Rc8± 0.97/22]

16.Bf2 f5 17.f4 Strongly threatening Re3! **17...Bh6** 2.93/22

[⌓17...Ng4 1.68/20]

18.h3 Nc4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Bxc4 Qxc4 21.Qa5 Qxd5 22.Rxe7 Qb7

Black is weak on the dark squares
23.Qc3+
[23.Ne6 Rde8±]
23...Kb8



24.Rxd7! Qxd7 25.Nc6+ Ka8 26.Nxd8 Rxd8 27.Qa5 Bxf4 3.00/24
[27...Kb7 1.83/20 keeps fighting.]
28.Qxa6+ Kb8 29.Qb6+ 1.53/23
[29.Bb6+- 2.74/21 Rc8 30.Rd1]
29...Kc8 30.Rd1 0.19/20 White is more active.
[30.a4± 1.49/20]
30...Qb7= Wards off Qa6. aiming for ... Qxb6. **31.Qa5** And now Bb6 would win. **31...Re8 32.Bb6→** White is up to no good. **32...Qxg2?** 4.27/17
[32...Qc6= 0.00/21 and Black stays safe. 33.Qa6+ Kd7 34.Qa7+ Kc8 *(34...Ke6 35.Qh7=)* 35.Qa6+ Kd7 36.Qa7+ Kc8 *(36...Ke6 37.Qg7=)* 37.Qa6+]
33.Qxb5+- Re5 5.63/19
[33...Qe4 3.72/18 was necessary. 34.a4 Re5 35.Qa6+ Kd7 36.Qa7+ Ke8]
34.Qc4+ Kd7 35.Qxf4 Kc6 36.Bg1 5.88/17
[⌓36.Qa4+ #12/15 Rb5 37.Qa8+ Skewer Kxb6 38.Qxg2 d5 39.Qxg6+ Kc5 40.Qxh5 *(40.Qxf5 Kb6 41.Rxd5 Rxd5 42.Qxd5 h4 43.a4 Kc7 44.a5 Kc8 45.a6 Kc7 46.a7 Kb6 47.a8Q Kc7 48.Qdd8#; 40.Qg1+ Kd6 41.Qg8 h4 42.Re1 Rb6 43.Re6+ Kc5 44.Qc8+ Kb5 45.a4+ Ka5 46.Qc5+ Kxa4 47.Rxb6 f4 48.Qb5#)* 40...Kb6 41.Qxf5]
36...Qxh3 37.Qa4+ White mates.
37...Kc7 38.Qa7+ Kc8 39.Qa6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.82
[39.Rxd6? gets mated. Qf1+]
1-0

A45
□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
■ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
ch-USA w 2024 (3.2) 13.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open Böblingen GER 2003 (5) *)* 4.e4 g6
A) 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3*

10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8.♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*; 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 Re8 8.Be2 Na6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.a4 b6 11.Rfe1 a6 12.h3 Bb7 13.Bc4 Qd7 14.Qd3 Rab8 15.e5 Nh5 16.Bh2 Ba8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qxa6 e6 19.Rad1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Qb7* 1-0 Veresov,G-Goldenov,B 69: Belarusian Championship, Minsk 1955*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9);

B) 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9. ♘c3 ♘e7 10. ♘e4_82589 NO 1925]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.a4 c6 6.Na3 Bd6 -0.40/25

[Black should play 6...Qb6∓ -0.82/21 7.Ra2 Bxa3 8.Rxa3 Qxb2]

7.e3∓ Bxf4 8.exf4 Black is slightly better. **8...Qd6** -0.15/21

[8...Qb6!∓ -0.54/21]

9.Qc1= b6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.c3 Nc7 12.Bd3 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Ne5 a5 16.Qc2 g6 17.Rfd1 b5 18.Qe2 Rfb8 19.Nc2 bxa4 20.Ne1 c5 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Rxa4 Nb5 23.N1d3 Qc7 24.Rda1 Ne4 25.Qe1 Nbd6 26.h3 Rb3 27.Qd1 Rb5 28.Qe2 Rab8 29.R1a2 R8b7 30.Qe3 -0.50/20

[30.Qe1= 0.00/21]

30...Nf5 0.01/25

[Better is 30...f6!∓ -0.50/20 31.Nf3 Nc4]

31.Qe1 Nfd6 32.Qe3 -0.59/21

[32.g3= 0.00/22]

32...Nf5 0.04/23

[32...f6!∓ -0.59/21 33.Nf3 Nc4]

33.Qe1 Nfd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

D27

□ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia 2302**

■ **Atwell,Rose 2185**

ch-USA w 2024 (3.3) 13.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D27: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 e4!? and 7 a4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.Re1N**

[7.Bb3 Nc6 8.Qe2 cxd4 9.Rd1 Be7 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.exd4 0-0 12.Nc3 Nd5 13.Qf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qc7 *(14...Bd6 15.c4 Qf6 16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.c5 Be7 18.Be3 Rd8 19.d5 Bd7 20.d6 Bf8 21.f4 f5 22.Rab1 Bc6 23.Bc4 Bg7 24.Rdc1 Rac8 25.Be2 e5 26.fxe5 Bxe5 27.g3 Be4 28.Rb4 Kg7 29.Kf2* ½-½ Dautov,R (2636)-Lutz,C (2644) Deutschland 84/427 2002 *)* 15.c4 e5 *(15...a5 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.c5 Qa6 19.Bc2 Bd7 20.Bd3 Qa7 21.Be4 Rab8 22.Rab1 Ba4 23.Rdc1 b5 24.cxb6 Rxb6 25.Qa3 Rb4 26.Bc2 Bxc2 27.Rxb4 Be4 28.Rc5 Qa6 29.Rbb5 a4 30.Qg3* 1-0 San Segundo Carrillo,

P-Illescas Cordoba,M ESP-ch sf Cala Mendia 2001 (1.2)) 16.Qg3 Be6 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.Re1 Rfd8 19.dxe5 Kf8 20.f4 Qb6+ 21.c5 Qxc5+ 1-0 Aleksandrov,A (2606)-Nikitin,A (2400) RUS-chT 07th Smolensk 2000 (6)]

[7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bf4 Nf6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Na4 Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Bd3 Nce7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Bxb7 Nxa2 21.Qxa2 Rxb7 0-1 C 06/32 (2809)-Deslandes,P (2807) GER-ITA email ICCF email 2012 (2)]

7...b5 8.Bf1 Bb7 9.a4 White is slightly better. **9...b4 10.Nbd2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nbd7 12.a5 Be7 13.Nc4** -0.07/20

[13.f3± 0.33/21]

13...0-0= 14.b3 Ne4 15.Bb2 Rc8 16.Bd3 -0.51/21

[16.f3= 0.00/21 Nc3 17.Bxc3 bxc3 18.Qd3]

16...Ndf6 17.Qe2 Nc5 18.Bc2 Qc7 19.Rec1 Qb8 0.28/19

[⌓19...Rcd8 -0.28/20]

20.h3 Nfe4 21.Nf3 Nc3 22.Bxc3 bxc3 23.Nb6 Rc7 24.Ne5 -0.25/22 Prevents Nd7.

[24.Rd1± 0.34/19]

24...Bf6 A strong pair of Bishops.

25.Ng4 Be7 0.18/23

[25...Bh4∓ -0.42/21]

26.Ne5 -0.27/21

[26.Rd1! 0.18/23 feels stronger.]

26...Bf6! 27.Nec4 g6 28.Rd1 Bc6 29.e4 Bb5 30.e5 Bg7 31.Qe3 Bxc4 32.bxc4 Rc6 Black is weak on the light squares **33.Re1**

[33.Qf3!? Qc7 34.Nd5±]

33...f6 34.Rab1 -0.43/20

[34.Qxc3= 0.07/22 fxe5 35.Qe3]

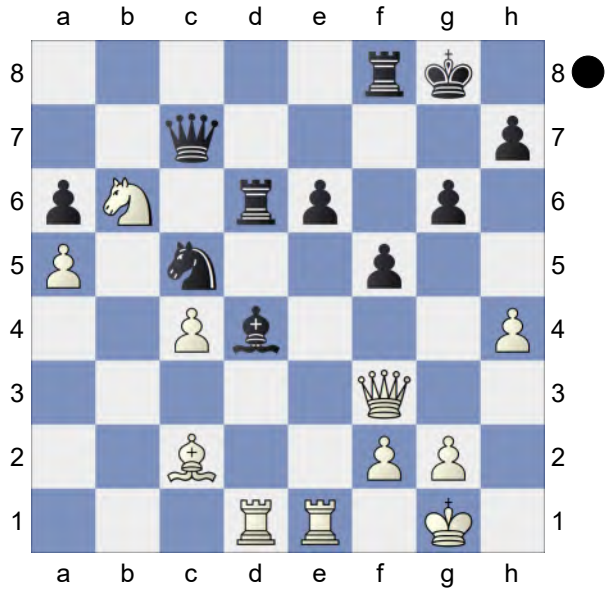
34...Qxe5∓

[34...fxe5? 35.Nd7 *(35.Qxc3 e4=)* 35...Qc8 36.Nxf8 Bxf8 37.Qxc3+- *(37.Qxe5 Bg7+-)*]

35.Qf3 Qc7 ...f5 would now be deadly.

36.Qxc3 f5 37.Qf3 Rd6 38.Rbd1 Bd4 39.h4? -2.63/19

[39.Nd5!∓ -0.48/20 Qg7 *(39...exd5 40.Rxd4 Rfd8 41.cxd5±; 39...Qxa5 40.Ne7+ Kg7 41.Nc6=)* 40.Qf4]



39...Ne4!-+ 40.Rf1

[40.Bxe4? fxe4 41.Qxe4 Bxf2+ 42.Kh1 Bxe1 43.Rxe1 Rf5-+]

(Diagram)

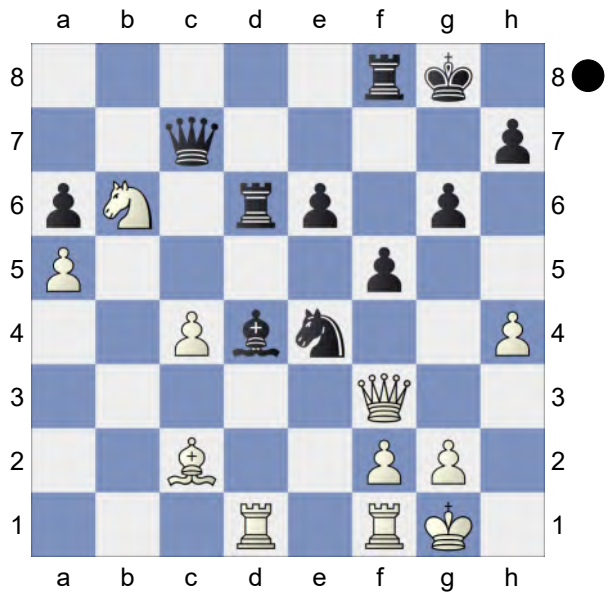
40...e5 -0.63/19

[Black should try 40...Qc5!-+ -1.86/21 Strongly threatening ...Rfd8. 41.Bxe4 fxe4 42.Qxe4 Bxf2+ *(42...Rxf2 43.Kh1∓)* 43.Kh1 Rxd1 44.Rxd1 Qf5]

41.Bb3? -2.48/19

[41.Nd5? Rxd5 *(41...Qxa5 42.Rxd4 exd4 43.Bxe4=; 41...Qxc4 42.Bb3∓)* 42.cxd5 Qxc2-+]

[Better is 41.Bxe4∓ -0.63/19 fxe4



42.Qxe4]

41...Kg7 42.h5 Qc5 43.Na4 Qxa5 44.c5 Rdf6 And now ...Qb4 would win.

[44...Nxc5 45.Nxc5 Qxc5 46.hxg6∓]

45.Rc1? -4.00/18

[45.Nb6 -1.67/18 was the only defense.]

45...Qb5

[45...Bxc5 46.h6+ Kxh6 *(46...Kh8? 47.Nxc5 Nxc5 48.Qd5+-)* 47.Nxc5 Nxc5 48.Qe3+ f4 49.Qxc5+-]

46.Qd1 Ng3

[46...Bxc5 47.Nxc5 Nxc5 48.Bc4±]

47.Re1 Dodges Ne2+ **47...f4**

[47...gxh5 48.Nc3 Qc6 *(48...Qxc5 49.Ne4∓)* 49.Nd5-+]

48.Qc2? -5.58/17

[48.Nc3 -2.64/16 Qxc5 49.Ne4]

48...Rf5 49.h6+ Kxh6 50.Be6 Rh5 51.Bh3 Qc6 (→ ...Rxh3!) **52.Kh2 Nf5** -2.79/17

[⊼52...f3 -6.03/20 53.Qd2+ *(53.fxg3? fxg2-+)* 53...Kg7 54.Kxg3 fxg2 *(54...Qxa4? 55.Rf1-+)*]

53.Nb6 -4.35/20

[⊼53.Nc3 -2.79/17]

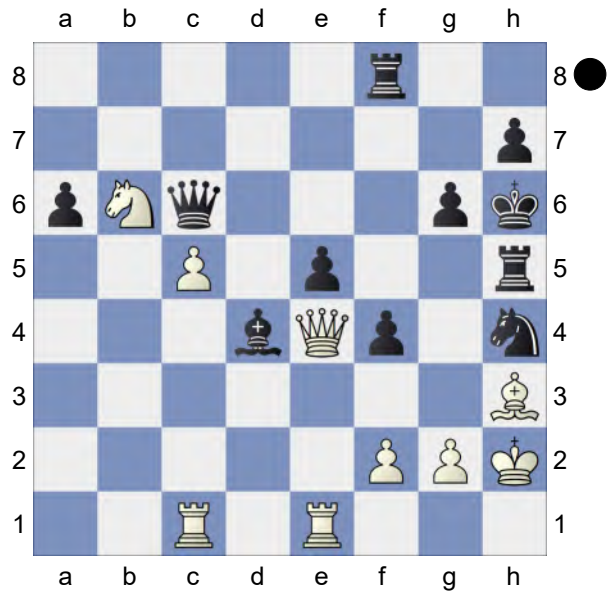
53...Nh4 54.Qe4 Qe6

[54...Qxe4 55.Rxe4 Rf7 *(55...Bxf2 56.Nd7=)* 56.Rc2∓]

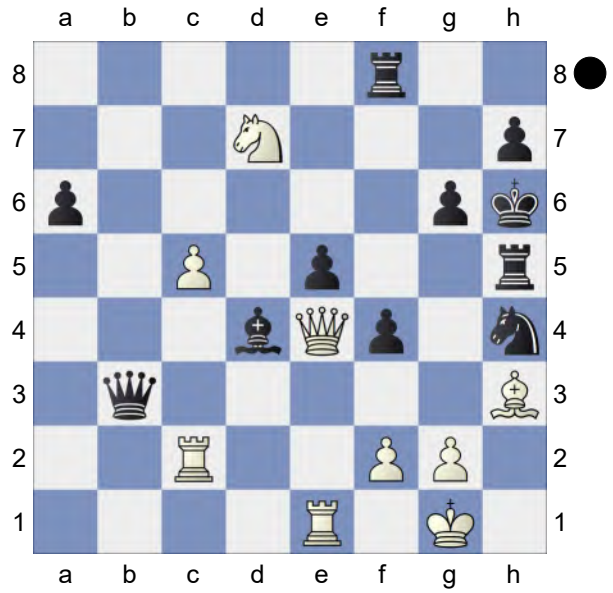
55.Qe2 -6.04/19

[⊼55.Kg1 -3.79/17 Qb3 *(55...Qa2? 56.Qc2-+)* 56.Nd7]

55...Qc6 56.Qe4



Qe6 57.Kg1 Qa2 58.Rc2 Qb3 59.Nd7

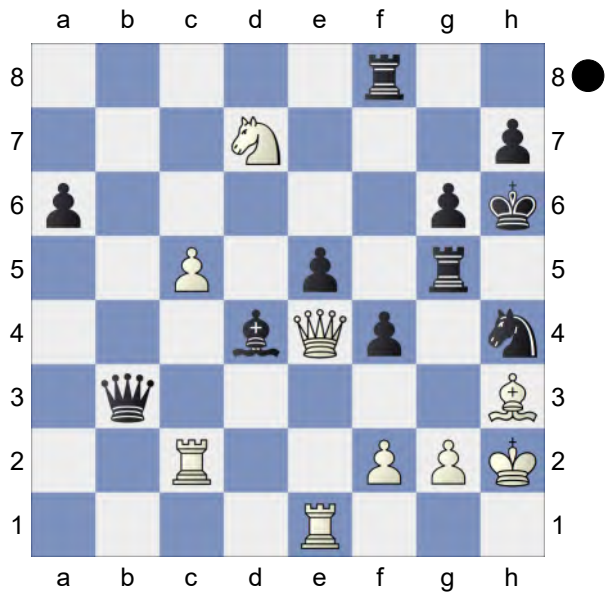


Rg5! 60.Kh2

[60.Kf1 Nxg2]

(Diagram)

60...Bxf2! Hoping for ...Qg3+. Remove



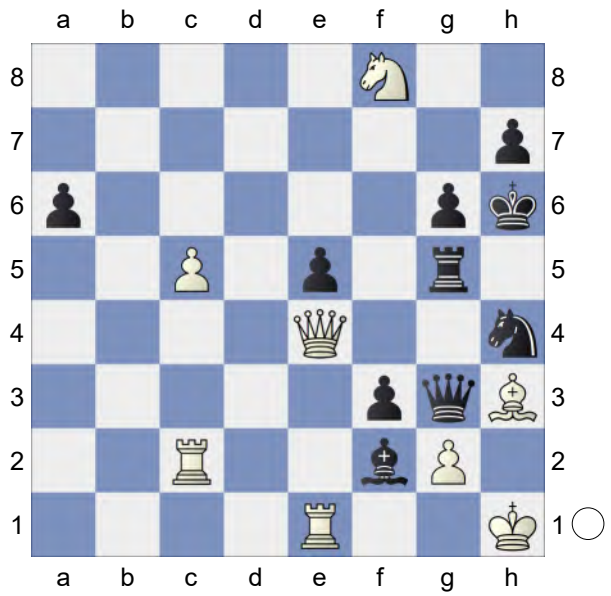
Defender, Decoy **61.Nxf8**
[61.Rxf2 Qg3+]
61...Qg3+? 1.28/5
[61...Bxe1-+ -4.58/22 62.Kh1 f3 63.gxf3 Rh5 *(63...Qxf3+? 64.Qxf3* Remove Defender *Nxf3 65.Rg2-+; 63...Nxf3? 64.Bg4-+)*]
62.Kh1± f3? 4.50/17
[62...Bxe1? 63.Qb7 Rg4 64.Qxh7+ Kg5 65.Qe7+ Kh5 66.Nd7+- *(66.Bxg4+ Qxg4 67.Qxe5+ Qf5+-; 66.Qxe5+ Nf5+-)*]
[62...Bxc5± 1.25/22 63.Ne6 *(63.Rxc5 Nf3=)* 63...Rh5]

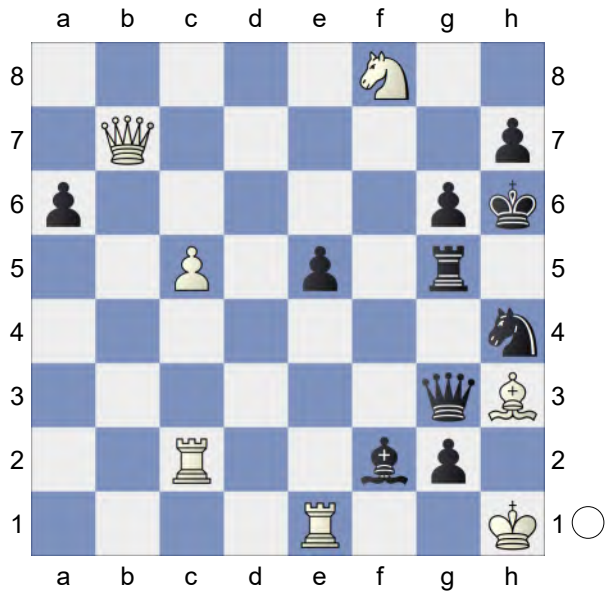
(Diagram)

63.Qb7!+- Double Attack **63...fxg2+**
[63...Bxe1 64.Qxh7#]

(Diagram)

64.Bxg2! Rh5
[Inferior is 64...Bxe1 65.Qxh7#]
[Of course not 64...Qxg2+ 65.Qxg2 Rxg2 *(65...Nxg2? 66.Rxf2 Nxe1*



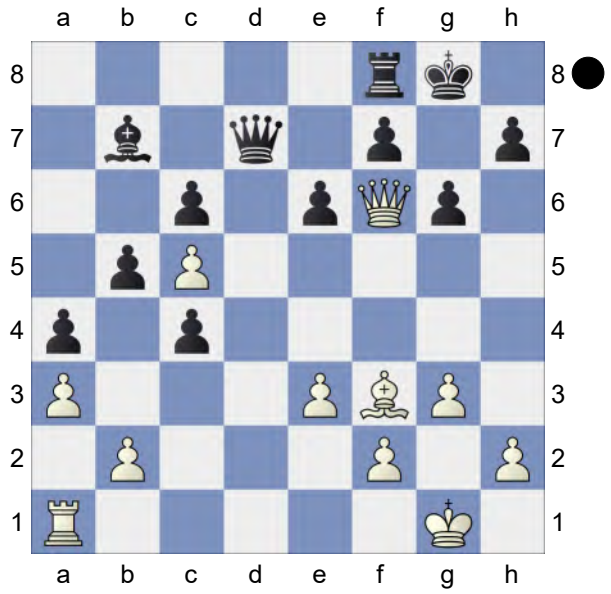


67.Rh2+ Kg7 68.Ne6+ Kf6 69.Nxg5+-) 66.c6 *(66.Rxe5? Rg1+ 67.Kh2 Nf3+ 68.Kh3 Rg3#; 66.Rf1 Bxc5 67.Rxc5 Re2+-)* 66...Bxe1 67.Rxg2 Nxg2 *(67...Ba5? 68.Ra2+-)* 68.c7+-]
65.Qxh7+ Kg5 66.Qe7+ Kh6 67.Qh7+ Kg5 68.Qe7+? 0.00/5
[68.Ne6++- 3.67/34 Kf6 69.Rxf2+ Nf5+ *(69...Qxf2 70.Qg7+ Kxe6 71.Bh3+ Kd5 72.Qd7+ Kc4 73.Rc1+ Kb4 74.Qb7+ Ka3 75.Rc3+ Ka4 76.Bd7+ Ka5 77.Qb6#)* 70.Qxh5

gxh5 71.Ref1 Kxe6 72.Rxf5 Qh4+ 73.Kg1 Qd4+ 74.Kh2 Qh4+ 75.Bh3]
68...Kh6!= 69.Qh7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.34
½-½

E04
□ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
ch-USA w 2024 (3.4) 13.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nbd7 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b5 8.Rd1N** White has compensation.
[8.b3 cxb3 9.Qxc6 b2 10.Bxb2 Rb8 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Qc2 Be7 13.Rfc1 0-0 14.Qc7 a5 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.Nb3 a4 17.Na5 a3 18.Bc3 Bd5 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Ne4 21.Be1 Rdc8 22.f3 Nc5 0-1 Idrissi,C (2153)-Milliet,S (2388) Casablanca Mohammed op 4th 2023 (2) 23.e4 Bc4 24.Bb4 Bd8 25.Nxc4 Nd3 26.Rd1 bxc4 27.Bxa3 Ra8 28.Bc1 Bb6+ 29.Kf1 Bd4 30.Rb1 Rxa2 31.Bd2 h5 32.Be1 Nxe1 33.Rxe1 Rf2+ 34.Kg1 c3 35.Kh1 c2 0-1 Mlinaric,A (2153)-Neat,P (2388) (ch) 148/194 Azerbaijan 2021 (2)]
[8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd5 10.Nc3 Be7 11.a4 b4 12.Ne4 Ba6 13.Rd1 b3 14.Qb1 0-0 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Nd6 Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.e4 Nb4 19.Bf4 Qc5 20.Bd6 Qb6 21.a5 Qb5 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 ½-½ Esipenko,A (2716)-Dubov,D (2714) FIDE World Cup Krasnaya Polyana 2021 (4.4)]
8...Bb7 9.Nc3 a5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Ne5 Nd5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nc5 Qc7 16.e3 a4 17.a3 -0.53/27
[17.b3= -0.11/20 was preferrable.]
17...Nf6∓ 18.Qe2 Nd7 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qg5 Nxc5 -0.21/22
[20...Rad8∓ -0.83/20]
21.dxc5= Rad8 Against Rd6 **22.Qf6 Rd7 23.Rxd7** The position is equal. **23...Qxd7 24.Bf3**



Threatens to win with Rd1. **24...Qd8 25.Qe5 Qb8 26.Qf6 Qd8** Wards off Rd1 **27.Qe5 Qb8 28.Qf6 Qd8** Prevents Rd1. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

C04
□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
ch-USA w 2024 (3.5) 13.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C04: French Tarrasch: 3...Nc6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.c3 f6 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.Nb3** 0.09/25
[8.Bd3± 0.48/20]

[8.Be2 Bd6 9.Nf1 0-0 10.Ng3 Nb6 11.Bg5 Qf7 12.Be3 h6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Qc2 e5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Rad1 Bxg3 18.fxg3 Qe7 19.Bd4 c5 20.Bf2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Be4 22.Qe3 Rac8 ½-½ Plat,V (2395)-Drozdovskij,Y (2627) 11th EICC Men Rijeka CRO 2010 (2)]

[8.Bb5 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nb3 e5 11.c4 a6 12.Ba4 Nxd4 13.Nbxd4 exd4 14.Bg5 Qf7 15.Qxd4 dxc4 16.Bc2 Qh5 17.Qxc4+ Kh8 18.Qh4 Qxh4 19.Bxh4 Nc5 20.Rfe1 Bf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Rad1 Na4 ½-½ Fisher,T (1861)-Zlatanovic,B (2330) SRB-chT2 Vojvodina Palic 2024 (5.5)]

8...Bd6 9.Bg5 Qf7 10.Bh4N

[10.Be3 e5 11.Ng5 Qf5 12.Be2 Nf6 13.dxe5 Qxe5 14.h3 Bd7 ½-½ Filipowicz,A-Liptay,L WchT Students 09th final A Marianske Lazne 1962 (2.1)]

10...h6 Prevents Ng5. The position is equal. **11.Bb5 0-0! 12.0-0 e5 13.Bxc6**

[13.dxe5 is interesting. Ndxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bg3]

13...bxc6 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bg3 Bd6 17.Qd4 a5 18.Rfe1 a4 19.Nc5 Ra5 20.Nd3 c5 21.Qh4 Qf5 22.Re3 Qg4 23.Qxg4 Bxg4 24.f3 aiming for Bxd6. **24...Bf5 25.Rd1** -0.63/20

[25.Bxd6!= -0.17/22 cxd6 26.Nf4]

25...Bxg3 -0.16/19

[25...Rb5∓ -0.63/20 should be considered. 26.Re2 Bxd3 27.Rxd3 Bxg3 28.hxg3 c4]

26.hxg3= Bxd3 27.Rdxd3∓ Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...c4 28.Rd2 a3 29.bxa3 c6 30.Rb2 Rf6 31.g4 Rxa3 32.Kf2 Rf7 33.Kg3** -1.40/23

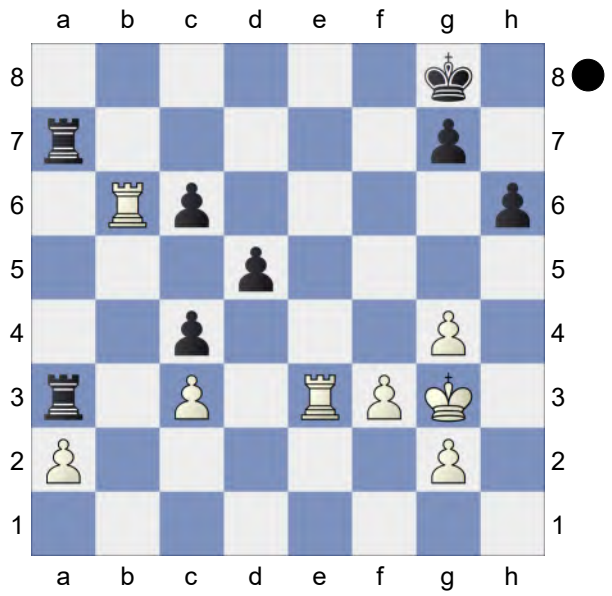
[33.Rb8+= 0.00/21 remains equal. Kh7 34.Rc8]

33...Rfa7 -0.53/19

[33...Rd7!∓ -1.40/23 Threatens to win with ...d4. 34.Rbe2 Kf7]

34.Rb6 -1.50/25

[34.Re6∓ -0.53/19]



34...R3a6 -0.23/26

[34...Rc7!∓ -1.50/25 White must now prevent ...Kf7! 35.Rb2 Kf7]

35.Rb8+ Kf7 Strongly threatening ... Ra3! **36.Ree8** -1.75/22

[36.Rbe8!∓ -0.39/21]

(Diagram)

Black converts the advantage convincingly. **36...Rxa2** -0.63/20

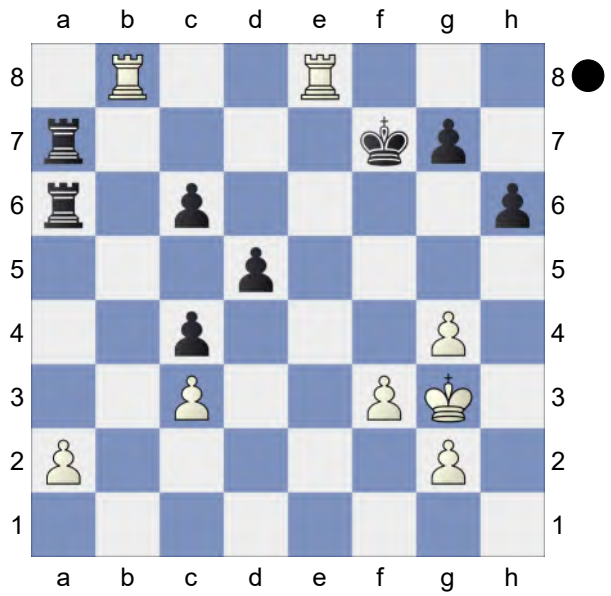
[36...Ra3!-+ -1.75/22 37.Rec8 Rd7 *(37...Rxc3 38.Rxc6 Rd7 39.Rbc8∓)*]

37.Rf8+? -4.07/22

[White has to play 37.Rbc8∓ -0.63/20]

37...Ke7 38.Rbd8 Rd7 39.Rde8+ Kd6 40.Rg8 Ra3 Black is clearly winning. **41.Re3 d4 42.Re4 dxc3**

[Stronger than 42...Rxc3 43.Rxd4+ Kc7 44.Rxd7+ Kxd7 45.Rxg7+ Kd6



46.Rh7=]

43.g5 hxg5 44.Rxc4 Kd5 45.Re4 c2 46.Re1 Rc3 47.Rc1 Kc4 48.Ra8 Rd1 49.Raa1 Rxc1 50.Rxc1 Kd3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

0-1

B06

□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**

■ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim** **2374**

ch-USA w 2024 (3.6) 13.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.d5**

[6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e5 8.d5 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nd4 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 Qf6 12.Ra3 Ne7 13.Rb3 Rb8 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd2 c6 16.Rd1 cxd5 17.exd5 Rfc8 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Rxc2 0-1 Xu,G (2205)-Pultinevicius,P (2561) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (5)]

6...Ne5 0.96/21

[6...Nb4⩲ 0.59/20]

7.Bd4N 0.42/18

[7.f4± 0.96/21 Nd7 8.Nf3 Ngf6 9.g3 c6 10.Bg2 0-0 11.a5 cxd5 12.exd5 Nc5 13.0-0 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Rxf3 Rc8 16.Bd4 Re8 17.Re3 Nh5 18.Kh2 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Ng7 20.g4 h5 21.f5 gxf5 22.gxh5 1-0 Zhigalko, S (2587)-Smirin,I (2647) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2009 (5) e5 23.dxe6 Ngxe6 24.Qb4 f4 25.Rf3 d5 26.Rd1 d4 27.Kh1 Qh4 28.Nd5 Ne4 29.Qe1 Ng3+ 30.Kh2 Ng5 31.Rxf4 Rxe1 32.Rxh4 Rxd1 33.Ne7+ Kh7 34.Nxc8 Nf5 35.Rf4 Ne3 36.Bxb7 Kh6 37.Bxa6 1-0 Yugoslav Qa5 (2587)-Preuschat (2647) Deutschland 102/(47) 2008 (5)]

7...g5 1.30/20

[7...c5⩲ 0.42/18 8.dxc6 Kf8]

8.Be2 0.91/20

[⌓8.Qd2 1.30/20]

8...c5 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Nf3 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 e5 12.Be3 Be6 13.a5 1.11/16

[White should play 13.Bg4 1.48/20]

13...h6± 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Na4 0-0 16.Nb6 0.67/22

[16.h3± 1.08/18]

16...Rb8⩲ 17.Qd3 d5

(Diagram)

18.exd5? -0.99/19

[18.Qxa6 d4 19.Bd2 g4∓]

[18.Bc5!± 0.84/19]

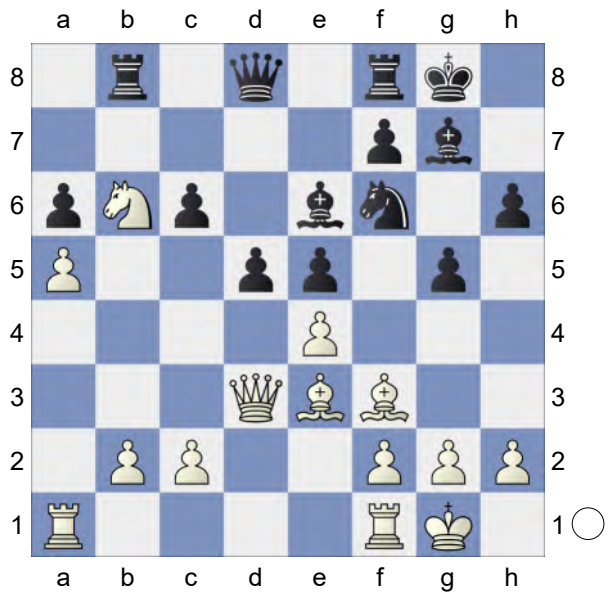
18...cxd5∓ 19.Qxa6

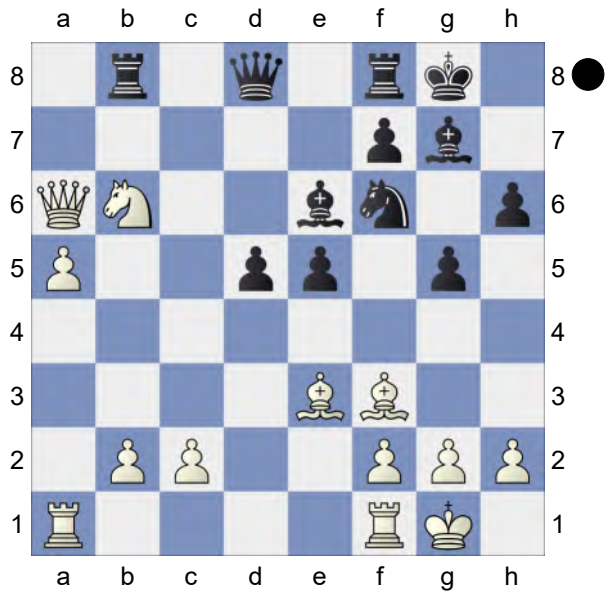
(Diagram)

d4! 20.Bd2 e4 21.Be2 Nd5

Prevents Bb4. **22.Nxd5** -2.41/19

White does not recover from this.





[22.Bc4!∓ -0.57/18]

22...Qxd5-+ 23.Rab1 -3.30/20

[23.Rfb1 -2.11/22 is a better defense.]

23...Rfc8 24.Rfc1 Qd7 25.Bf1 Ba2 Deflection **26.Ra1 Rxb2 27.h4** -2.37/19

[⌓27.Qe2 -1.86/21 Rcxc2 *(27...Rbxc2? 28.Qe1-+)* 28.Rxc2 Rxc2 29.Rc1]

27...Bd5 And now ...d3 would win.

[27...Rbxc2 28.Rxc2 Rxc2 29.Qa8+ Bf8 30.Bb4± *(30.Qxe4? Rxd2 31.a6 Bd5-+)*]

[27...gxh4 28.Bxh6 h3 *(28...Rbxc2 29.Rxc2 Rxc2 30.Qa8+ Rc8 31.Qxe4±)* 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Qe2∓]

28.hxg5 -3.36/19

[⌓28.Qe2 -2.23/19 Rcxc2 *(28...gxh4? 29.Qh5∓; 28...Rbxc2? 29.a6-+)* 29.Rxc2 Rxc2 30.Qe1]

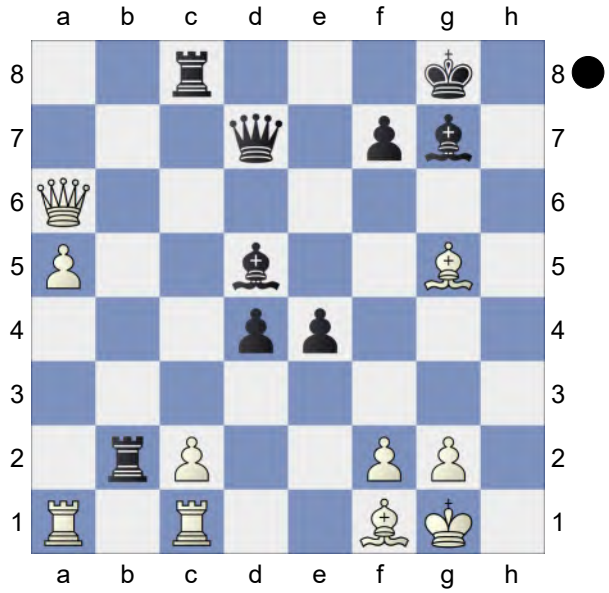
28...hxg5 Strongly threatening ...d3!

[28...Rbxc2 29.gxh6 R8c6 30.Rxc2 Rxa6 31.Bxa6=]

[28...Rcxc2? 29.Rxc2 Rxc2 30.Rd1-+]

29.Bxg5? -3.82/20

[29.Qe2 -2.08/19 Rcxc2 *(29...Rbxc2? 30.Rab1-+)* 30.Rxc2 Rxc2 31.Rb1]



29...d3! 30.Bf4

[30.Bxd3 Bb7]

30...Ra8

[Less strong is 30...dxc2 31.Qe2 Qf5 32.Bd2-+]

[30...Rcxc2 31.Rxc2 Rxc2 *(31...dxc2 32.Rc1=)* 32.Rb1∓]

31.Qd6 Qxd6 32.Bxd6 White is weak on the light squares **32...Rxc2**

[32...dxc2? 33.Bf4-+]

33.Rab1 Ba2

[Resist 33...Rxa5 34.Bf4-+]
34.Rxc2 dxc2 35.Rc1 Bb3
[35...Rxa5 36.Rxc2 Bd4 37.Rd2±]
36.Bf4 Rxa5 Black is clearly winning.
37.f3 -7.02/17
[⌓37.Be2 -4.89/22]
37...Bb2 38.Re1 Bd4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

C11
□ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim 2374**
■ **Zatonskih,Anna 2312**
ch-USA w 2024 (4.1) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7**
[5...Nbd7 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bh4 c5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.Re1 Rd8 15.Qc2 e4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxe4 Be6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe3 Kg7 20.Be4 1-0 Fressinet,L (2702)-Ragger,M (2655) Deutschland 117/146 2013]
6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nc3N
[7.Nf3 f5 *(7...a6 8.c4 f5 9.Nc3 Bf6 10.Qd2 c5 11.d5 0-0 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Kb1 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nc6 15.h4 b5 16.h5 h6 17.Rh3 f4 18.Qxf4 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Kh8 20.Rd2 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rb8 22.a3* 0-1 Lutz,C (2631)-Morozevich,A (2679) It Biel SUI 2003 (10) *)* 8.Nc3 c6 *(8...a6 9.g3 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Ke7 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Ne2* Classical 4 Bg5 dxe4-6...gxf6: Intro & 8 g3 French Defence ChessPub Guide 2024*)* 9.g3 Nd7 10.Bg2 Qc7 11.0-0 h5 12.Re1 h4 13.Qe2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Nf8 15.Ne5 f6 16.Nd3 Bd7 17.Qe3 0-0-0 18.Ne2 Bd6 19.Nef4 Re8 20.c4 e5 21.dxe5 fxe5 ½-½ Dardha,D (2602)-Korobov,A (2663) Tata Steel Challengers Wijk aan Zee NED 2024 (5.4)]
7...Nc6 8.Nf3 Nb4 9.Bc4 White has an edge. **9...c6 10.Qd2 Qa5 11.0-0 Qf5 12.a3 Rg8 13.Ne1 Nd5 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.Bd3 Qh5 16.Rc1 Bd7 17.f4 0-0-0 18.Rf3** -0.75/18
[18.a4= -0.11/21 keeps the balance.]
18...Kb8∓ 19.Qf2 -1.46/21
[⌓19.Be2 -0.90/19]
19...Bd6 20.Be2 Qh6 -0.49/19
[Better is 20...e5!∓ -1.54/21 aiming for ...e4. 21.fxe5 fxe5]
21.Rd1∓ Rg6 22.g3 -0.73/18
[22.Nd3!= -0.28/19]
22...e5!∓ 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.dxe5 Bc7 And now ...Bb6 would win. **25.Rb3**
[25.Rxf7? Bb6 26.Rd4 Qc1-+]
25...Ba4 -0.67/18
[25...Bxe5?! 26.Rxd5 Bc7 27.c4= *(27.Qxf7 Rf6-+)*]
[25...Bb6?! 26.Rxb6 Rxb6 27.Rxd5=]
[25...Bc8∓ -1.05/18 26.Nf3 *(26.Qxf7? Rf8-+)* 26...Re8]
26.Rb4∓ Bb6 27.Rxb6 Rxb6 28.Rd4 Be8 29.Nd3 Qd2 0.18/21
[29...f6∓ -0.90/19 ...fxe5 is the strong threat. 30.exf6 Rxf6 *(30...Qxf6 31.Qxf6 Rxf6 32.Nf4∓)*]
30.c4!↑ White has compensation. Black is under pressure. **30...Bc6** 0.88/20
[Black should play 30...Rc8± 0.34/20 31.Rxd5 *(31.cxd5 Rc2∓)* 31...Rh6 *(31...Rxc4? 32.Rd8+ Kc7 33.Rxe8+-)*]
31.b4!± Re8? 3.82/21

[31...Qa2± 0.81/20 is tougher.]

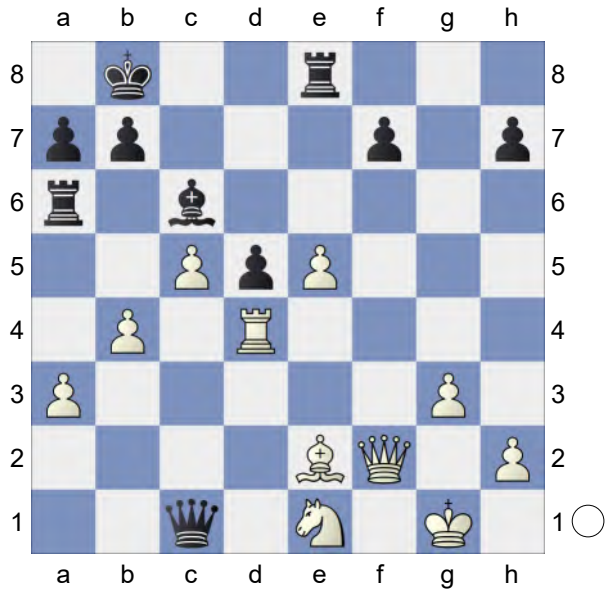
32.c5? 0.88/15

[32.cxd5 Bb5+-]

[32.b5+- 3.82/21 and the rest is easy.]

32...Ra6 33.Ne1 Qc1 1.66/24

[33...Qc3± 1.08/23 34.Bxa6 bxa6]



34.Bxa6 0.94/18

[34.Rd1!+- 1.66/24 Qxa3 35.b5 *(35.Qxf7? Qe3+ 36.Qf2 Qxf2+ 37.Kxf2 Ra2-+; 35.Bxa6 Qxa6 36.Qf4 Ka8±)*]

34...bxa6

(Diagram)

35.Kg2! Qxa3 36.Qxf7 Nf3! would now be deadly. **36...Qe3** 3.88/20

[36...a5± 0.85/21]

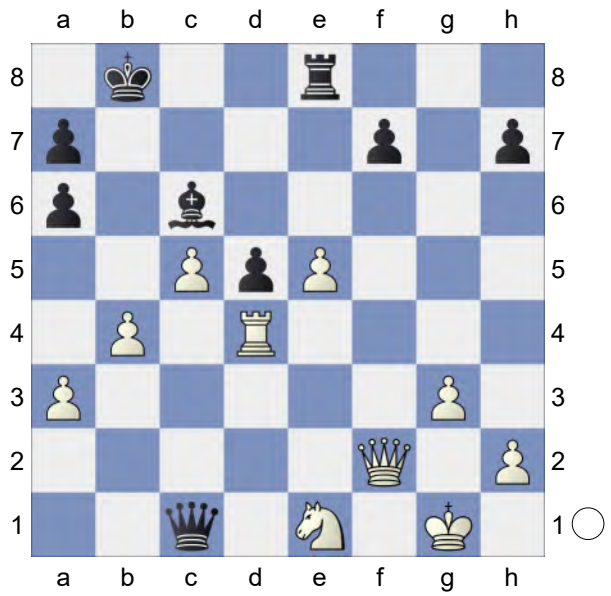
37.Nf3+- Qe2+ 38.Kh3 Qe3 6.99/21

[⌂38...Rc8 4.34/19 39.e6 h6]

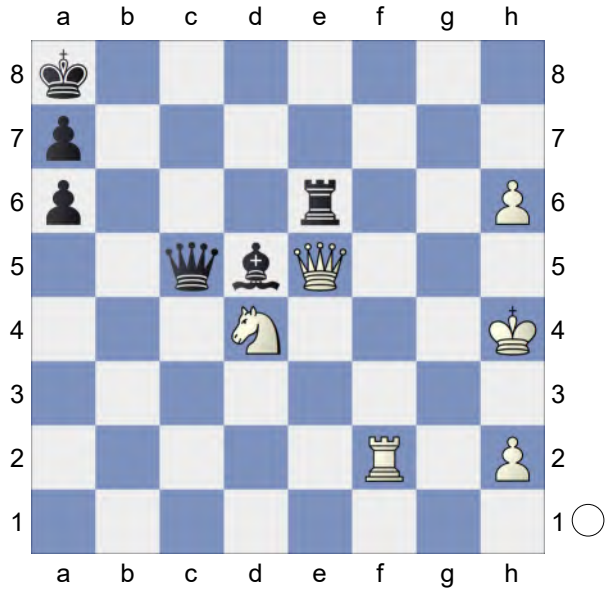
39.Qf4 Qe2 40.Rd2 Qe4 41.Rd4 Qe2 42.g4 Qf2 43.Rd2 Qf1+ 44.Kg3 d4 6.43/18

[⌂44...h5 4.20/17 45.g5 *(45.gxh5 Rg8+ 46.Kh4 d4+-)* 45...Kb7]

45.Nxd4 White is clearly winning.



45...Qe1+ 46.Rf2 Bd5 47.e6+ Ka8 48.Kh3 h5 49.gxh5 Qc3+ 50.Kh4 Qxb4 51.Qe5 Qxc5 52.h6 Rxe6



53.Rf8+!! Deflection, Zwischenzug

53...Qxf8 54.Qxd5+

[54.Nxe6? perishes. Qxh6+ 55.Kg3 Qxe6-+ *(55...Bxe6? 56.Qe4+ Kb8 57.Qb4+ Kc7 58.Qc5+ Kb7 59.Qb4+ Kc6 60.Qc3+ Kd7 61.Qd4+ Ke8 62.h4-+)*]

54...Kb8 55.Qxe6 Endgame. **55...Qf4+ 56.Kh5 Qxd4** KQ-KQ **57.h7** 11.28/20

[Not 57.Qxa6 Qe5+ 58.Kg4 Qd4+

59.Kh5 Qd5+ 60.Kg6 Qg8+ 61.Kf5 Qd5+ 62.Kf6 Qd8+ 63.Kf7 Qd7+ 64.Kg6 Qe8+ 65.Kf6 Qd8+ 66.Kg7 Qe7+ 67.Kg6 Qe8+ 68.Kf5 Qh5+ 69.Kf4 Qh4+ 70.Ke5 Qxh2+ 71.Ke4 Qg2+ 72.Kf4 Qf2+ 73.Kg4 Qg2+ 74.Kf5 Qf3+ 75.Kg6 Qg4+ 76.Kf7 Qd7+ 77.Kf6 Qd8+ 78.Kf5 Qd5+ 79.Kf6 Qd8+ 80.Ke5 Qg5+ 81.Ke4 Qh4+ 82.Ke3 Qg3+ 83.Ke4 Qg4+ 84.Ke3 Qg3+ 85.Ke4 Qh4+ 86.Kd3 Qh3+ 87.Kd2 Qh2+ 88.Kc1 Qg1+ 89.Kc2 Qh2+ 90.Kc3 Qg3+ 91.Kd2 Qf2+ 92.Kc1 Qf4+ 93.Kb1 Qf5+ 94.Kc1 Qg5+ 95.Kb1 Qf5+ 96.Kc1 Qf4+ 97.Kd1 Qd4+ 98.Kc2 Qf2+ 99.Kb3 Qe3+ 100.Kc2 Qf2+ 101.Kd1 Qg1+ 102.Kd2 Qh2+ 103.Kd1 Qh1+ 104.Kc2 Qg2+ 105.Kd1 Qg1+ 106.Kd2 Qh2+=]

[⚆57.Qg8+ 25.68/20 Kc7 58.Qg7+ Qd7 59.Qxd7+ Kxd7 60.h7 Ke8 61.h8Q+ *(61.h8R+ Kd7 62.Rh6 a5 63.h4 Kc7 64.Ra6 Kc8 65.Rxa5 Kc7)* 61...Kd7 62.Kg6]

57...Qd1+ 58.Kg6 Qc2+ 59.Kg7 Qg2+ 60.Qg6 Qb2+ 61.Qf6 Qb7+ 62.Kh6 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) / Black=0.50

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D00

□ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**

■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**

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[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nd2 Bd6 5.Bg3 c5N**

[5...0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.Ngf3 Bb7 8.Ne5 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.f4 Ne7 11.Qf3 *(11.Qb1 g6 12.Bf2 cxd4 13.exd4 Nf5 14.0-0 Be7 15.Qc2 Nd6 16.Bh4 Nfe4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Rae1 Rac8 19.Qd1 f6* 9) London System-London System: 4.Bg3 #2 1... e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 11...Nf5 12.Bf2 Be7 13.g4 Nd6 14.g5 Nfe4 Beginner Guide Sarin Queen'-Sarin Queen'S Gambit London 1... e6 Against Everything 2024 15.h4 cxd4 16.exd4 b5 17.Qg4 b4 18.h5 bxc3 19.bxc3 Qa5 20.Rc1 Qxa2 21.Be3 Nf5 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qh3 Ba3 24.Rb1 Ba6 25.Kf2 Bb2 26.g6 fxg6 27.hxg6 h6 28.Ng4 Bxc3 29.Rbd1 Rad8 9) London System-Navarro,R 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]

6.Ngf3 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.f4 -0.10/20

[⚆10.Nxc6 0.27/21 Qxc6 11.a4]

10...Nd7 0.52/22

[Black should play 10...a5= -0.10/20]

11.0-0 White is slightly better. **11...f5 12.Bh4 Nf6 13.h3 Ne4 14.Rc1 Nxe5 15.dxe5** Nxe4 would now be deadly. **15...Be7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Be2 Bb7 19.Qe1 Rad8 20.Rd1 Bc6 21.g4 b5 22.b4** -0.28/20

[22.Qg3!± 0.64/20]

22...a5= 23.bxc5 -0.68/21

[23.a3= -0.20/20]

23...Qxc5∓ 24.Rd4 -1.05/23

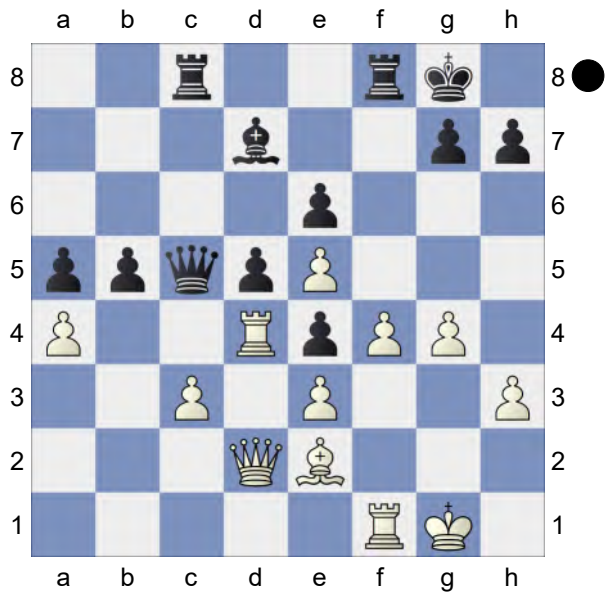
[24.Qd2∓ -0.56/21]

24...Bd7

[24...Rc8 is interesting. 25.f5 Bd7 26.a4 exf5 27.axb5 fxg4 28.c4 gxh3 29.Kh1 Qe7]

25.Qd2 Rc8 26.a4

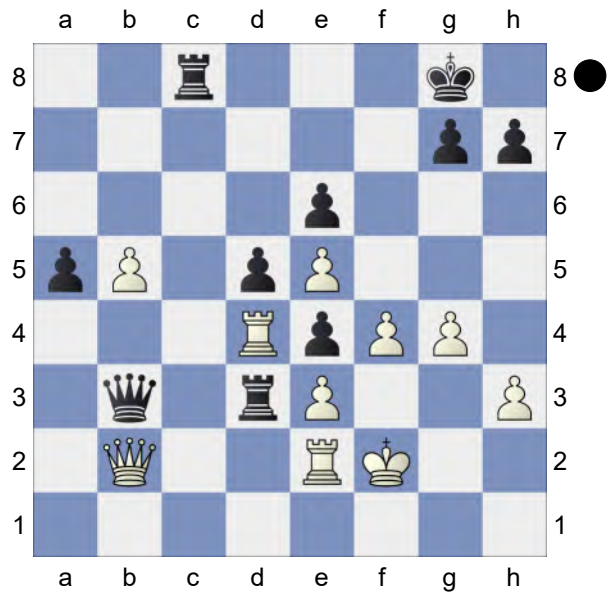
(Diagram)



Qxc3 -0.24/24 Black is more active.
[Don't play 26...bxa4 27.c4=]
[Black should try 26...Qa3!∓ -1.11/20 27.Qc1 Rxc3 *(27...Qxc3 28.Qxc3 Rxc3 29.Bxb5-+)* 28.Qxa3 Rxa3 29.Bxb5 Bxb5 30.axb5 Rxe3]
27.Bxb5? -2.27/23
[27.axb5= -0.24/24 Qxd2 *(27...Qb3 28.Bd1=)* 28.Rxd2]
27...Bxb5-+ 28.axb5 Qb3 ...Rc3 is the strong threat. **29.Rf2?** -3.85/20 Loses the game.
[29.f5∓ -1.54/18]
29...Rc3
[29...Qxb5? 30.Qb2 Qc5 31.Kg2∓]
30.Re2 Rfc8
[Don't do 30...Qxb5 31.f5-+]
31.Kf2 Rd3
[31...Qxb5? 32.Qa2-+]
32.Qb2

(Diagram)

Rxe3 Deflection **33.Qxb3 Rxb3** Endgame. KRR-KRR **34.f5 Rxb5** Black is clearly winning. **35.fxe6 Kf8 36.Red2 Rcc5 37.Ke3 Ke7 38.Kf4 Kxe6** White must now prevent ...Rb4.



39.Ra4 Rb8 40.Rda2 Rf8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.15 (very precise)
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C55
□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
ch-USA w 2024 (4.3) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7**
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.Bb3 a5 9.c3 Nb6 10.Nh4 g6 11.a4 Bd6 12.d4 Qe7 13.Be3 Bd7 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Nf3 h6 16.Nbd2 0-0-0 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Nd7 19.Bd5 1-0 Abdusattorov,N (2727)-Van Foreest,J (2682) 86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 Scheveningen (9.5)]
5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1N
[6.Nc3 d6 7.a3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2

Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Bd6 ½-½ Edighoffer,H-Melton,R APCT King ch-1 corr 1996]

6...d6 7.a4 Na5 8.Ba2 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.h3 White has an edge. **10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Na3 Rc8 13.Rb1 Qe8 14.Nc4 Qg6 15.b4 cxb4 16.cxb4 Nh5** 0.64/20

[16...Nd4!= 0.12/23]

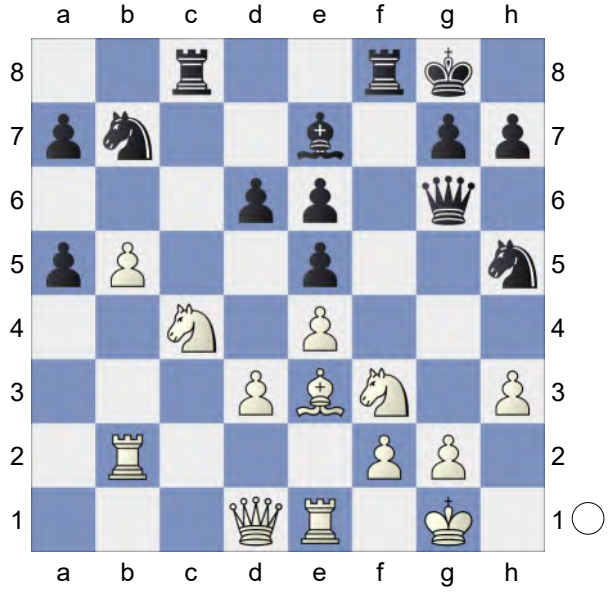
17.b5± Nd8 1.11/21

[⌓17...Nd4 0.72/22 18.Nxd4 exd4]

18.Rb2 b6 19.a5 bxa5 20.Be3

[20.Nxa5? Rxc1 21.Qxc1 Nf4-+ *(21...Rxf3? 22.Nc6-+)*]

20...Nb7



21.b6! a6 1.57/22

[⌓21...axb6 0.76/22 22.Rxb6 Rc7]

22.Kh2 Nf4 23.Bxf4 0.79/18

[23.g3+- 1.75/22 is more deadly.]

23...Rxf4± 24.Re3 0.00/22

[24.Qa1± 0.88/19 Rc5 25.Ra2 Rxf3 26.gxf3]

24...Qe8 25.Qd2 White has compensation. **25...Rc5 26.Re1 g5** 0.86/18

[26...Rf8!= -0.22/20 keeps the balance.]

27.Ra1 a4 28.Qd1 d5 29.exd5 -0.17/17

[29.Ncxe5?! dxe4 30.dxe4 *(30.Qxa4? Qxa4 31.Rxa4 exf3-+* Discovered Attack*)* 30...Bf6= *(30...Rxe4 31.Re2=)*]

[29.Ne3± 0.87/20]

29...e4= 30.Nd4? -2.40/21

[30.Qxa4? Qxa4 31.Rxa4 exd5 *(31...exf3 32.g3∓)* 32.Nxg5 exd3-+ *(32...Bxg5? 33.Ne5-+; 32...dxc4 33.Nxe4 Rc6 34.Kg3∓)*]

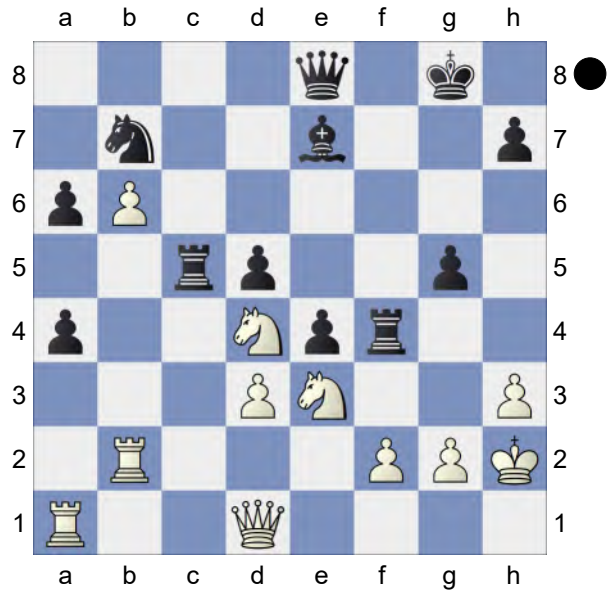
[30.d6 Bf6 *(30...Nxd6 31.Nxd6* Remove Defender *Bxd6 32.dxe4+-* Discovered Attack *)* 31.d4 Rxc4∓]

[30.Nfe5!= -0.23/18 and White is okay. exd5 31.Ne3]

30...exd5 Threatens to win with ...Bf6.

31.Ne3 -2.43/22

[⌓31.g3 -1.81/20 Bf6 32.Rxa4 *(32.gxf4? Bxd4 33.Rxa4 dxc4-+)* 32...Bxd4 *(32...dxc4 33.Rxc4 Rxc4 34.dxc4∓)* 33.gxf4 dxc4 34.Re2 cxd3 35.Rxd4 dxe2 36.Qxe2]



31...Bf6!-+ 32.Rxa4 And now g3 would win. **32...exd3 33.Ng4 Bg7**

[33...Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Qb8 35.Rxf4

Qxf4+ 36.g3=]

34.Rd2 h5 White is weak on the dark squares

[34...Bxd4? 35.Rxd4 *(35.Rxa6? h5-+)* 35...Qe6 36.R4xd3+- *(36.R2xd3 Rxd4 37.Rxd4 h6+-)*]

35.Rxa6? -4.25/20

[35.g3 -2.11/16 was called for. Rxd4 36.Nh6+ Kh7 *(36...Bxh6 37.Rxd4 h4 38.R4xd3±)* 37.Rxd4 Remove Defender Bxd4 38.Nf5]

35...Bxd4

[35...Rxd4 36.Ne3 Re4 37.Rxd3-+]

36.Rxd3 -5.39/20

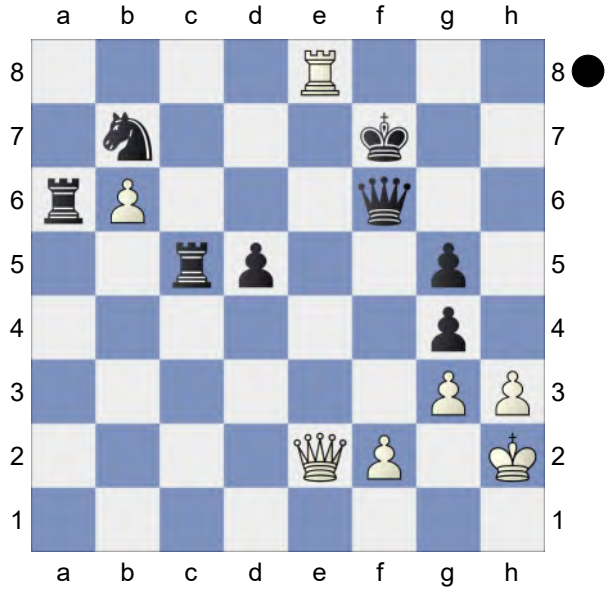
[⌓36.Ne3 -3.76/18]

36...hxg4 Black is clearly winning.

37.Rxd4 Qe5

[37...Rxf2 38.Rxg4 Qe5+ 39.Kg1∓]

38.Rd2 Ra4+ Discovered Attack (Check) **39.g3 Rxa6 40.Re2 Qf6** aiming for ...Ra1. **41.Re8+ Kf7 42.Qe2**



Ra2!! Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.25 (precise)

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D87

□ **Lee,Alice** **2395**

■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**

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[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0**

[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Majewski, J (2635)-Djuric,S (2655) Graested 49/202 1990]

9...Nc6 10.Be3 Bg4N

[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]

[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch, C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]

11.f3 Bd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Qd2 Qa5 And now ...cxd4 would win. **14.d5** -0.19/20

[⌓14.Qb2 0.19/20]

14...Ne5= 15.Bb3 c4 0.49/21

[15...e6= -0.09/20]

16.Bc2± e6 17.Nf4 -0.52/21

[17.Rb1= 0.25/19]

17...Rfd8 18.Bd4 exd5 19.exd5 Re8

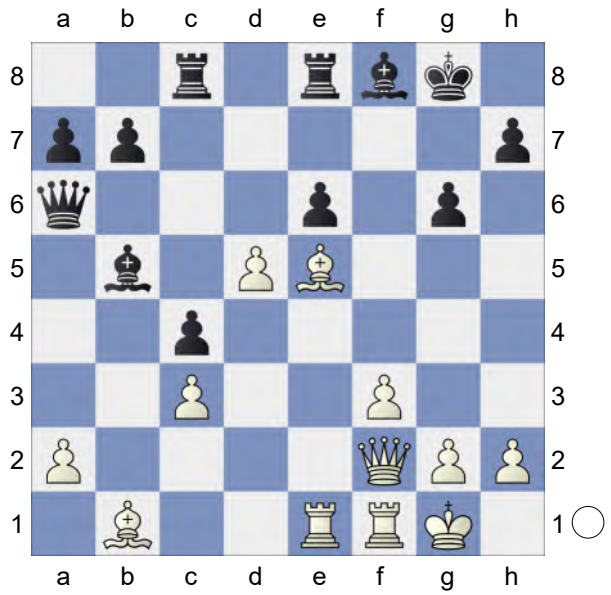
[19...Qxa2? 20.Nh5 Qa3 21.Nxg7+-]

20.Qf2 Ba4 -0.08/22

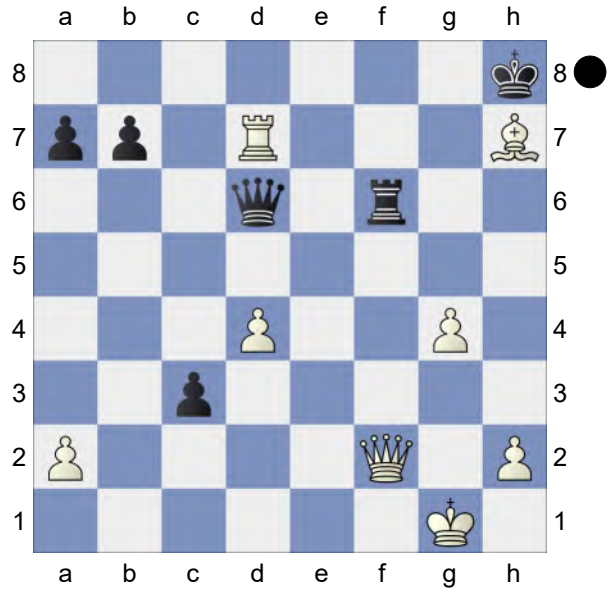
[20...Qxa2? 21.Ra1+- *(21.Bxa7 Nd3∓; 21.Bxa7 Ba4∓)*]

[20...b5∓ -0.53/17]

21.Bb1 Qa6 22.Rce1 Bb5 23.Ne6 fxe6 24.Bxe5 Bf8 1.48/20
[Black should play 24...exd5= -0.22/22 25.Bxg7 Kxg7]



25.dxe6 0.48/21 White is more active.
[White should try 25.Qg3!± 1.48/20 exd5 26.f4 Qb6+ 27.Kh1]
25...Rxe6 26.Bd4 Prevents Bc5
26...Rce8 27.Rxe6
[27.Bxa7? Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Qxe1 Qxa7+-+]
27...Rxe6 28.f4
[28.Bxa7? b6 29.Bxb6 Qxb6 30.Qxb6 Rxb6-+]
28...Bg7 29.f5 Threatens to win with fxg6. **29...Bxd4 30.cxd4** 0.07/19
[30.Qxd4± 0.56/22 feels stronger. Rf6 31.Be4]
30...Rf6= 31.g4 c3 32.Re1 gxf5 0.37/20
[32...Ba4= 0.00/20 should be considered.]
33.Bxf5 0.00/25
[33.gxf5± 0.37/20 Qd6 34.Be4]
33...Bd7 34.Re7 Qd6 35.Bxh7+ -1.23/28
[35.Rxd7? Qxd7 36.Bxh7+ *(36.Bxd7? Rxf2 37.Kxf2 c2-+)* 36...Kg7-+ *(36...Kxh7 37.Qxf6 Qxg4+ 38.Kf2∓)*]
[35.Re3!= -0.15/18 remains equal.]
35...Kh8 0.00/38
[35...Kf8∓ -1.23/28 36.Rxd7 Double Attack Qe6 37.Rd8+ *(37.Rxb7?* too greedy. *Qxg4+ 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Kg1 Rxf2-+)* 37...Ke7]
36.Rxd7!



Deflection. The position is equal.
36...Qxd7 37.Qxf6+ Kxh7 Endgame. KQ-KQ **38.g5 Qg4+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+ 40.Ke3 Qh3+ 41.Ke4** g6+ would now be deadly. **41...Qg2+ 42.Ke5** Hoping for d5. **42...Qxh2+ 43.Ke6** White threatens g6+ and mate. **43...Qe2+ 44.Kd7** Strongly threatening Qf7+. **44...Qb5+ 45.Ke7 Qb4+ 46.Kd7 Qb5+ 47.Ke7 Qb4+ 48.Kd7 Qb5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

A10
□ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**
ch-USA w 2024 (4.5) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4 Ivkov,B: 'Inf 6/56' Speelman,J: 'Inf 38/26' **1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4N**

[3.g3 e5 4.Bg2

A) 4...f5 5.d4 *(5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.0-0 c6 8.d4 Qe7 9.Rb1 0-0 10.b3 Na6 11.Ba3 e4 12.b4 Nc7 13.b5 c5 14.Nf4 Be6 15.Nxe6 Nxe6 16.Nd5 Qf7 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.f3 exf3 19.Bxf3 Rad8* 0-1 Eriksson,K (1971)-Lopez,R (2257) WchT U26 01 fin-A Mexico City 1978 (4)*)* 5...exd4 6.Nb5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Bf4 d6 9.Nfxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.c5 Ne4 12.Qc4+ d5 13.Qb4 a5 14.Qa3 Rf7 15.Rd1 g5 16.Be3 Qe8 17.Nc3 Nxc3 18.bxc3 f4 19.gxf4 0-1 Kaussen,O (2694)-11...Qc7 12. Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2702) 64/84 Azov 1995 (9);

B) 4...Ne7 5.e3 c6 6.Qb3 Na6 7.Nge2 Nc5 8.Qc2 Ne6 9.b3 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Ba3 d4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nd5 Qd6 14.exd4 exd4 15.Rc1 0-0 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Nef4 d3 18.Nxd3 Rac8 19.Qb1 ½-½ Karlsson,L-Speelman,J (ol) 38/26 Thessaloniki 1984;

C) 4...d6 5.d3 f5 6.f4 Nh6 7.Nf3 Nf7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 c6 10.Qc2 Be6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.e4 Na6 13.Rad1 Nb4 14.Qb3 Nxd3 15.Be3 b5 16.Nxb5 cxb5 17.Rxd3 Qc8 0-1 O'Kelly de Galway,A-Ostojic,P La Habana 6/56 1968]

3...c5 4.d5 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 e5 6.e4 d6 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.Ne2 White is slightly better. **8...Qe7 9.0-0 h5! 10.a4 a5 11.Rb1 Kd8** 0.34/22

[11...h4= -0.16/20]

12.Be3 -0.27/22

[12.f4± 0.34/22]

12...Kc7 0.19/21

[12...h4! -0.27/22 is superior.]

13.Rb5 -0.31/20

[13.h3= 0.19/21]

13...h4 14.Qd2 Ra6 0.48/18

[14...b6= 0.00/21]

15.Qb2 -0.37/21

[15.h3!± 0.48/18]

15...g5∓ 16.Rb1 b6 17.f3 f6 18.Nc1 Qg7 19.Nb3

[19.Be2 keeps more tension. Ne7 20.Nd3 Ng6 21.Bf1]

19...Ne7 20.Be2 Kd8

[20...Ng6 is more complex. 21.Bd1 Nf4 22.Nd2 Bb7]

21.Bf2 Ng6 22.Nd2 Kc7 23.Nf1 Ne7

[23...Nf4 with more complications. 24.Ne3 Bb7 25.Nf5 Qh7]

24.Ne3 Qh7 25.Kf1 -0.43/17

[25.h3= -0.06/21]

25...f5 26.exf5 Nxf5 27.Ng4 -1.01/20

[27.h3∓ -0.60/18]

27...h3!∓ 28.g3 Rf8 29.Kg1 Ne7 0.03/23

[Black should try 29...e4!∓ -1.17/22 ...exf3 is the strong threat. 30.Qc2 *(30.fxe4? Nxg3 31.Bxg3 Qxe4-+)* 30...exf3 31.Bxf3 Ra8]

30.Be3↑ White is more active. **30...Qg6 31.Nf2** Against e4 **31...e4?** 1.80/22 **32.fxe4** 0.30/20

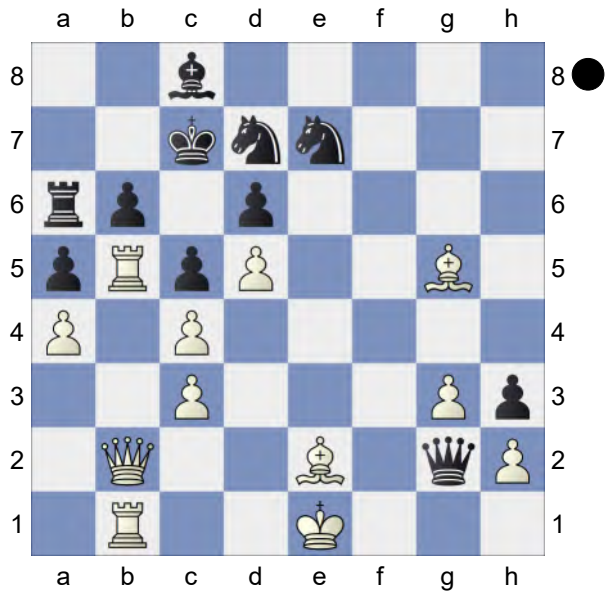
[32.Nxe4+- 1.80/22 g4 33.Ng5 *(33.Bf4? Rxf4 34.gxf4 gxf3+* Discovered Attack (Check) *35.Ng5 fxe2-+)* 33...gxf3 34.Ne6+ *(34.Bxf3 Rxf3 35.Nxf3 Qg4=; 34.Nxf3? Qe4-+)* 34...Kb7 35.Bf1 *(35.Nxf8*

Qe4=)]

32...Rxf2! 33.Kxf2 Qxe4 Threatens to win with ...Nf5. **34.Bxg5** -0.51/20

[34.Rg1= 0.03/21]

34...Qg2+ 35.Ke1



Qxh2? 0.36/19

[35...Ng6!∓ -1.20/24 36.Bf1 Qh1]

36.Bxe7± **Qxg3+** **37.Kd2** **Qf4+** **38.Kc2!** Hoping for Kb3. **38...Qe4+** **39.Kb3! Qxe7 40.Ka3** 0.00/30

[40.Bg4!± 0.40/25]

40...Qh4 41.Bd3 Qg3 42.Bf1 Qh4 And now ...h2 would win. Chess con chili.

[42...h2!? 43.Qg2□ Qh4= *(43...Qxc3+ 44.R5b3±)*]

43.Bd3 Ne5

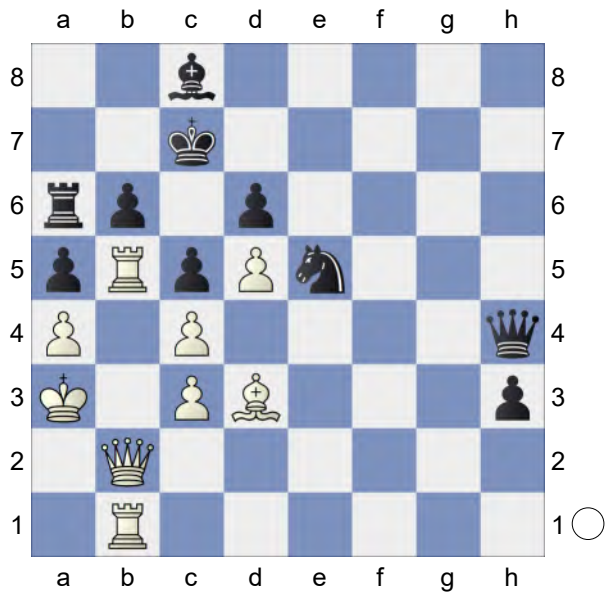
(Diagram)

44.Rxb6! Rb8! would now be deadly.

44...Nxd3 45.Qb5 Nb4 Against Qc6+

46.Rxa6 -2.11/16

[46.Rf1= 0.00/21 and White has nothing to worry. Qe7 *(46...Rxb6 47.Rf7+ Kd8 48.Rf8+ Kc7 49.Rf7+ Kd8 50.Rf8+ Kc7 51.Rf7+=; 46...Nc2+ 47.Ka2=)* 47.Rb8]



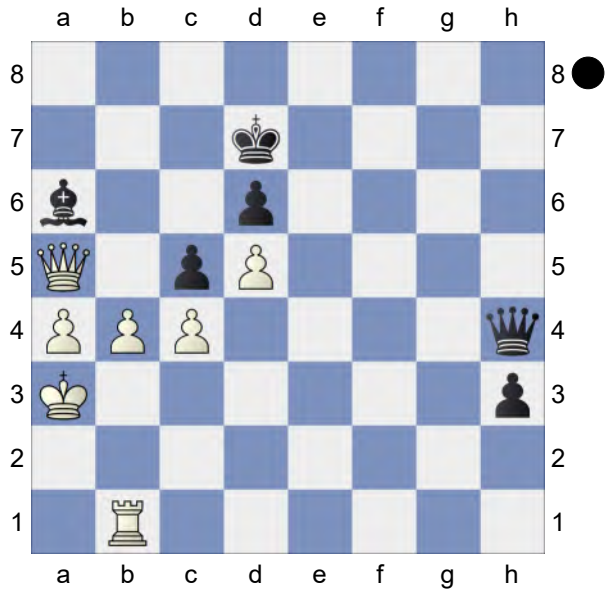
46...Bxa6-+

[46...Nxa6? loses. 47.Qc6+ Kd8 48.Qxd6+ Bd7 49.Qxa6+-]

47.Qxa5+ -3.51/19

[47.Qe8∓ -1.22/22 is the only way for White.]

47...Kd7 48.cxb4 Endgame.



KQR-KQB **48...Qg3+!**

[48...cxb4+ 49.Qxb4 Qd4 50.Rh1+-]

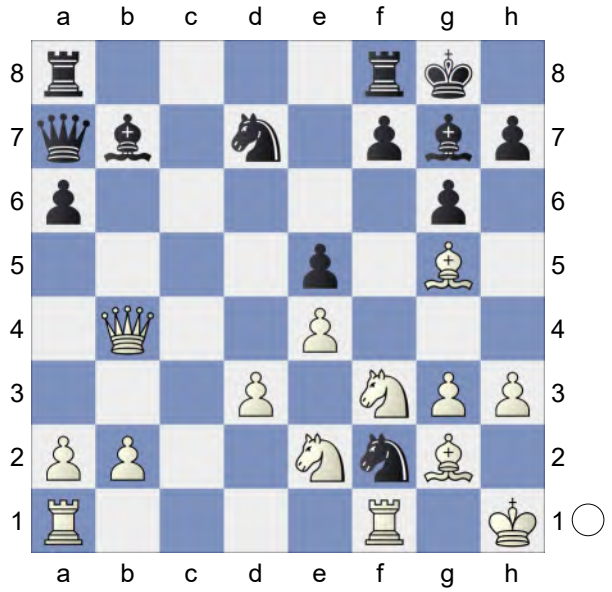
49.Kb2? -6.91/18

[49.Rb3∓ -1.48/20 Qe1 50.Rxh3 *(50.Qxa6? Qa1#)* 50...Qc1+ 51.Ka2 Bxc4+ 52.Rb3]

49...Qe5+ 50.Kc2 Qe2+ 51.Kc3 Qxc4+ 52.Kb2 Qd4+
[52...Qxb4+? too greedy. 53.Qxb4 cxb4 54.Kb3+-]
53.Kc1 Qc3+ 54.Kd1 h2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

B23
□ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
■ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
ch-USA w 2024 (4.6) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 g6
[6...e6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qe2 b4 10.Nd1 Nc6 11.c3 a5 12.Nf2 Nd7 13.Be3 0-0 14.g4 bxc3 15.bxc3 d5 16.Rfd1 Ba6 17.Qd2 Nb6 18.f5 exf5 19.exf5 d4 20.cxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 1-0 Herzwurm,R (1955)-Schalow,D (2041) Muensterland op 41st 2024 (7)]
7.Nf3 Bg7 8.0-0 b4 9.Ne2N
[9.Nd5 Nd7 10.f5 Ngf6 11.Ne3 Qc7 12.g4 Nb6 13.Qe1 a5 14.g5 Nfd7 15.Ng4 0-0-0 16.a3 Bc6 17.axb4 axb4 18.c3 bxc3 19.bxc3 Kb7 20.d4 Ra8 21.Rb1 Kc8 22.Bf4 Ra3 23.f6 Bf8 1-0 Kosintseva,T (2462)-Paehtz,E (2396) Biel Accentus Ladies Biel SUI 2004 (8)]
9...e5 0.57/18
[Black should try 9...a5= -0.03/18]
10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Be3 Nd7 12.c3 Ngf6 13.cxb4 cxb4 14.Qa4
[14.Bh3 simplifies a5 15.a3 0-0 16.axb4 axb4 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.Qb3]
14...0-0 White must now prevent ...Ng4.
[14...Ng4!? 15.Bc5 Rc8 16.Bxb4 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 a5 18.Bxa5 *(18.Qxa5 Qxa5 19.Bxa5 Nc5=)* 18...Nf2+ 19.Kg1 Nh3+ 20.Kh1 Nf2+ 21.Kg1 Nh3+ 22.Kh1 Nf2+=]
15.Qxb4 Ng4 16.Bg5 Qb8 17.h3 Qa7+ 18.Kh1! Nf2+ 0.76/21
[18...h6= 0.27/22]



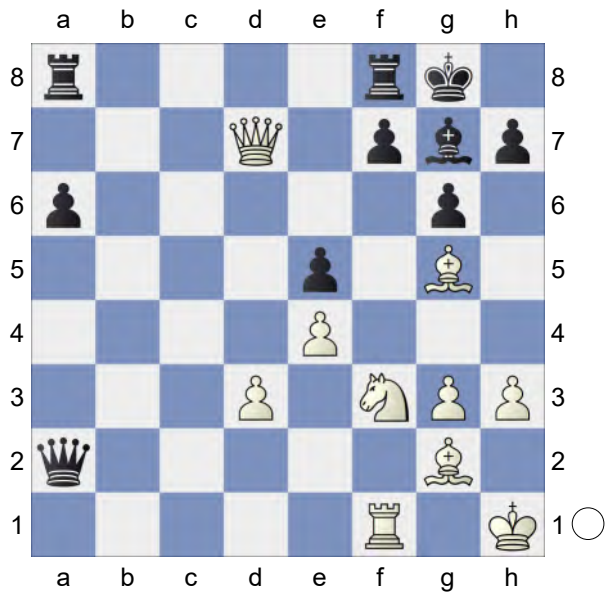
19.Rxf2!± Deflection **19...Qxf2 20.Qxb7 Qxe2**
[20...Ra7? 21.Qb3+- *(21.Rf1? Qxf1+ 22.Bxf1 Rxb7-+)*]
21.Qxd7 And now b4 would win.
21...Qxb2 22.Rf1 Qxa2? 2.74/26
[22...Rab8± 1.17/22]

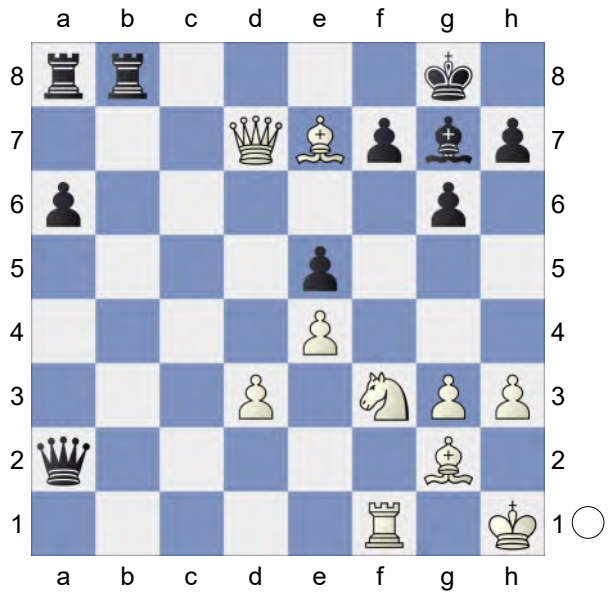
(Diagram)

23.Be7!+- Rfb8

(Diagram)

24.Ng5? 0.00/28
[24.Qd5!+- 2.48/20 Qb3 25.Nd2 *(25.Nxe5 Qxd5* Remove Defender





26.exd5 Bxe5=)]

24...Rb1 The position is equal. **25.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 26.Kh2** Active counter play! **26...Qb3 27.Qc6 Rb8 28.Qxa6 h6 29.Nf3**

[29.Bd6 simplifies hxg5 30.Bxb8 Qxb8 31.Qa2]

29...Qc2 30.Qc4 Qe2 31.Bb4 Ra8! 32.Ng1 Qf2 Strongly threatening ...Ra2. **33.Qc5 Qb2** Threatens to win with ... Ra2. **34.Qc3 Qb1 35.Nf3 Ra2** Repels Nd2 **36.Nd2**

[36.Nxe5? is the wrong capture. Bxe5 37.Qc8+ Kh7-+]

36...Qd1 37.Ba5 Rc2 38.Qb4 Qe2

[Resist 38...Bf8 39.Qb5∓]

39.Qb3 Rxd2 40.Bxd2 Qxd2= KQB-KQB **41.Qb8+ Kh7 42.Qa7 Kg8 43.Qb8+ Kh7 44.Qa7 Kg8 45.Qb8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

A42

□ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia 2302**

■ **Krush,Irina 2388**

ch-USA w 2024 (5.1) 16.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A42: Modern Defence: Averbakh Variation **1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.d5 a5 6.Bd3 Na6 7.Be3N**

[7.Nge2 Qh4 *(7...Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.f3 Nc5 11.Bc2 Bd7 12.0-0 Qe8 13.Kh1 Nh7 14.b3 f5 15.a3 b6 16.b4 Nb7 17.Qd2 f4 18.Bf2 g5 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.cxb5 h5 21.Nc3 g4 22.Qe2* 1-0 Carlsen,M (2853)-Karjakin,S (2772) (m/10) New York 2016 *Qg6 23.Rfc1 Nf6 24.Bd1 Bh6 25.Be1 Rf7 26.Ra2 Rg7 27.Rac2 Kh8 28.Qf1 Rag8 29.Bh4 Bg5 30.Bf2 g3 31.Be1 gxh2 32.Na4 Ne8 33.Nb2 axb4 34.axb4 h4 35.Nd3 Bd8 36.Kxh2 Rh7 37.Nf2* 0-1 Carlsen,M (2844)-Rudolph,J (1981) Hamburg sim +67 -1 =2 Hamburgo 2016*)* 8.0-0 Nh6 9.f3 0-0 10.Qe1 Qe7 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.Be3 f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Bf2 Nc5 15.Bc2 Bh6 16.Ng3 b6 17.Nxf5 gxf5 18.f4 Rae8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.d6 cxd6 21.Nd5 Qg7 Line C4-4.Nc3 e5 5.d5]

[7.a3 Nc5 8.Bc2 Ne7 9.Rb1 f5 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4

fxe4 13.Ne2 e3 14.Bxe3 Nf5 15.Ba4+ Bd7 16.Bxd7+ Qxd7 17.0-0 0-0 18.Nc3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 e4 21.Nxe4 Qe7 0-1 Mejia,W (2664)-Tymrakiewicz,R (2712) UKR-ch 73rd Kharkov 2004 (5. 3)]

7...h5 8.Nge2 Bh6 White is slightly better. **9.Bxh6 Nxh6 10.Qd2** Prevents Qg5 **10...Nc5 11.Bc2 Qe7**

[11...Qh4 with more complications. 12.Nb5 Kd8 13.h3 Bd7]

12.0-0-0 f5 13.f4 Ng4 14.exf5 0.03/20

[14.Rdf1± 0.51/21]

14...Bxf5= 15.Bxf5 gxf5 16.Ng3 -0.50/19

[16.Rdf1= 0.03/20]

16...exf4∓ 17.Qxf4 0-0-0! 18.Kb1 -1.11/22

[18.Rhf1∓ -0.66/22]

18...Rde8∓ 19.Rd2

[19.Nxf5? too greedy. Qh7 20.Rdf1 Rhf8-+]

19...Kb8 20.Re2 Ne5 -0.52/18

[20...Qg7∓ -0.88/21]

21.Qxf5∓ Qh4 22.Nge4 Nxc4 23.Nxc5 dxc5 24.Qc2 Rhf8 25.g3 Qg4 26.Rhe1 Rxe2 27.Qxe2 Qf5+ 28.Qc2 Qg5 29.a4 b6 30.Qe2 Nd6 31.Qc2 -0.95/21

[31.Ka1= -0.17/21]

31...h4∓ 32.gxh4 -1.14/23

[32.Qd3∓ -0.61/19]

32...Qxh4 33.Rd1 Rf2 34.Rd2 Rf4 35.Ka2 Rb4 36.Re2 Kb7 37.Qd3 Qf4 38.h3 Qc1 39.Rc2 Qg1 Black has more active pieces. **40.Re2 Rf4 41.Qe3! Qf1 42.Qe6 Rc4! 43.Re1 Qd3 44.Re3! Qd2 45.Re2 Qd4** -0.18/24

[45...Qd3∓ -0.57/22 is more appropriate.]

46.Qe3 -1.30/23

[46.Re4!= -0.18/24 keeps the balance. Rxa4+ *(46...Nxe4 47.Qc6+ Kb8 48.Qe8+ Kb7 49.Qc6+ Kb8 50.Qe8+ Kb7 51.Qc6+=)* 47.Nxa4 Qxe4 *(47...Nxe4 48.Qc6+ Kb8 49.Qe8+ Ka7 50.Qc6=)* 48.Qxe4 Nxe4 49.Nc3]

46...Qh4 47.Qf3 -1.35/24

[⌓47.Qd3 -0.97/22]

47...Rb4 -0.87/21

[⌓47...Rxc3! -1.35/24 48.bxc3 Qxa4+ 49.Kb1 Qd1+ 50.Ka2 Ka7]

48.Qd3 -1.38/23

[⌓48.Ka1 -0.87/21]

48...Qf4 49.Rg2? -3.22/24

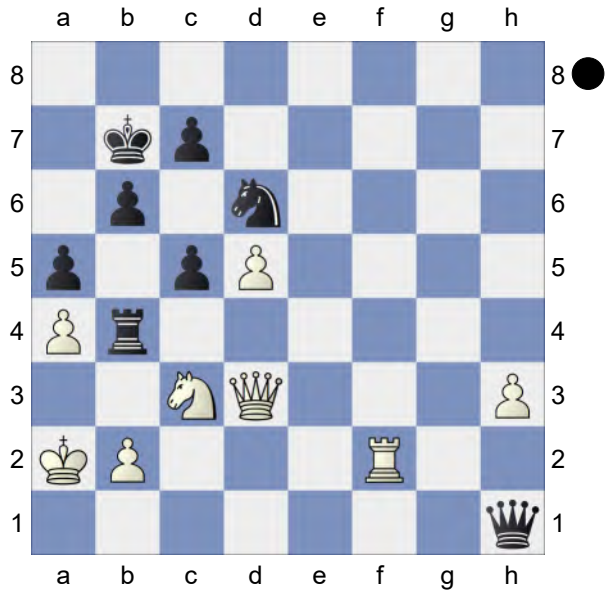
[49.Kb1∓ -0.95/19 might work better.]

49...Qc1? -1.08/18

[49...Ne4!-+ -3.22/24 has better winning chances. And now ...Nxc3+ would win. 50.Qc2 Nxc3+ 51.bxc3 Rxa4+ 52.Kb2 Qf1 53.Qxa4 Qxg2+ 54.Ka3 Qxh3 *(54...Qxd5? 55.h4-+)* 55.Qc6+ Kb8 56.Qe8+ Ka7]

50.Rc2 Qh1 51.Rf2? -3.76/22

[51.Re2∓ -1.06/22]



51...Rh4? -0.43/24

[Black should try 51...Ne4!-+ -3.76/22

52.Qc2 Nxc3+ Remove Defender
(52...Nxf2? 53.Qxf2 Qxh3 54.Qf6-+)
53.bxc3 Qxd5+ 54.Ka3 Re4]

52.Rf3 -1.17/25
[52.Qg6∓ -0.43/24]

52...Qh2→ -0.56/24 White needs to defend precisely.
[52...Rb4∓ -1.17/25 White must now prevent ...Ne4! 53.Qf1 Qh2]

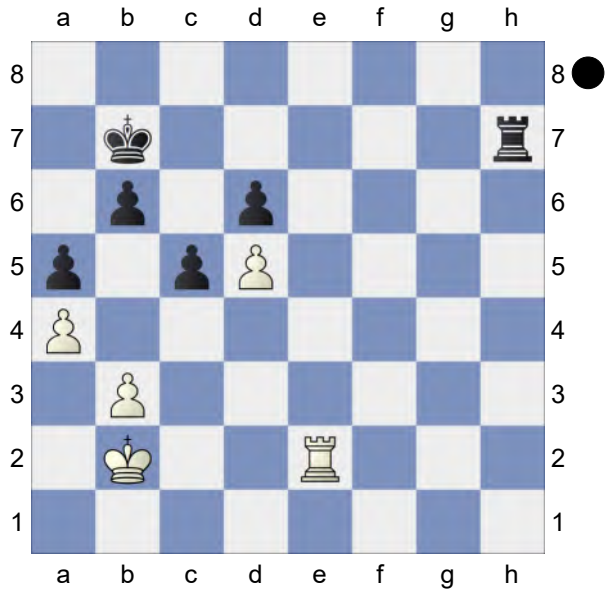
53.Re3∓ Wards off Ne4 **53...Nc4 54.Re2 Qxh3 55.Qxh3 Rxh3** Endgame. KRN-KRN **56.Nb5 Rh7** -0.01/28 Repels Re7
[Black should play 56...Nd6∓ -0.75/25 Strongly threatening ...Nxb5. 57.Nc3 Rh1]

57.b3 -0.96/21
[57.Kb3= -0.01/28 remains equal. Nd6 58.Nxd6+ cxd6 59.Re4]

57...Nd6∓ White is now going downhill.

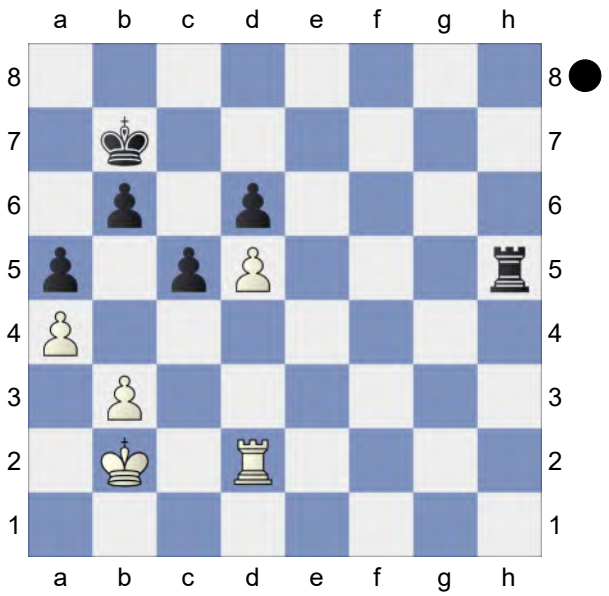
58.Nxd6+ -4.42/22
[58.Nc3∓ -1.02/22]

58...cxd6 KR-KR **59.Kb2**



Rh5! 60.Rd2? -5.73/28
[60.Re7+ -3.50/23 Ka6 61.Kc2]

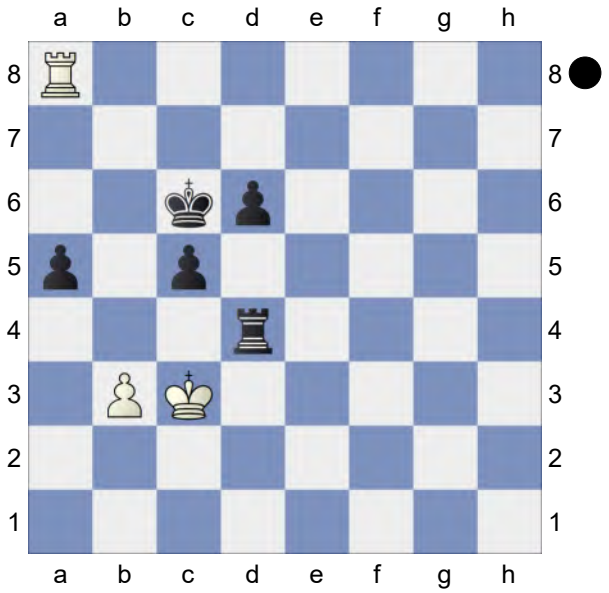
(Diagram)



60...b5! 61.Kc3
[61.axb5 Kb6]

61...Kb6 62.axb5 Kxb5 Threatens to win with ...Rh3+. **63.Rd3 Rg5 64.Rh3** -7.25/26
[⌓64.Rf3 -4.96/20 Rxd5 65.Rf8]

64...Rxd5 65.Rh8 Rd4 66.Rb8+ Kc6 ...a4 would now be deadly. **67.Ra8**



a4! 68.bxa4 Rh4? -0.70/20
[Better is 68...Kb7-+ -3.94/30 69.Rd8 d5 *(69...Rxa4 70.Rxd6 Rg4 71.Rh6=)*]

69.a5? -7.36/28

[69.Ra6+∓ -0.70/20 Kc7 70.a5]
69...Rh3+-+ Black is clearly winning. **70.Kb2 Kb5 71.a6 Kb6 72.a7 Rd3 73.Kc2 Rd4 74.Kc3 Kb7** Deflection **75.Rb8+ Kxa7 76.Rb1 Ka6 77.Rb8 Ka5 78.Rb1 d5 79.Rb8 Rc4+ 80.Kd3 Rb4 81.Ra8+ Kb5** ...Rb3+ is the strong threat. **82.Rb8+ Ka4 83.Rd8 d4 84.Rc8 Rb3+ 85.Kc2 Rc3+ 86.Kd2 Kb4 87.Rb8+ Kc4** aiming for ...Rb3. **88.Ra8 Rb3** Hoping for ...Rb2+. **89.Ra4+ Rb4 90.Ra2 Kb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

B50
□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
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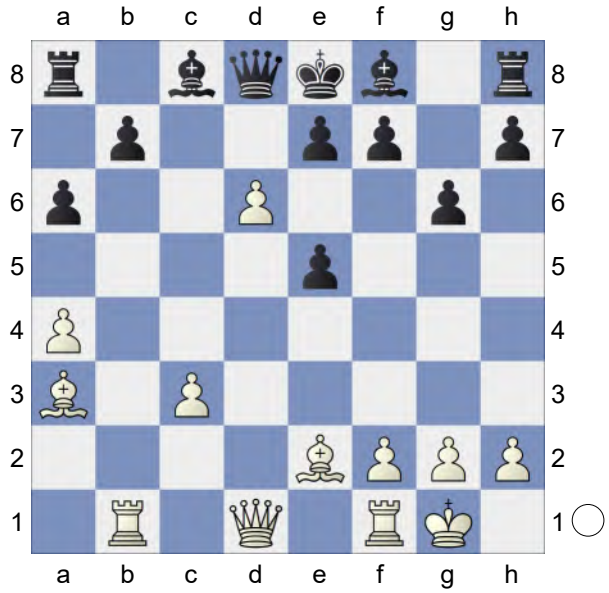
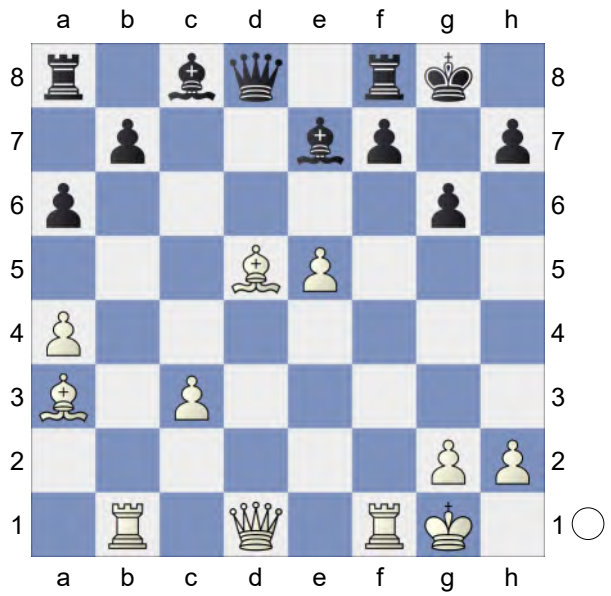
[Kitty Kat]

B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2**
[4.g3 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a4 *(8.Re1 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nd7 11.a4 a6 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Na3 Rfb8 14.Be3 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Qb6 17.Rxa8 Rxa8 18.Na3 Rxa3 19.bxa3 Bxc3 20.Rc1 Qa5 21.e5 Ndxe5 22.f4 Nd4* ½-½ Jimenez Fraga,P (2477)-Kaliksteyn,A (2389) New York Fall GM-A Irland Long City 2022 (4)*)* 8...Rb8 9.Re1 e5 10.Nbd2 a6 11.Nc4 h6 12.a5 Be6 13.Nfd2 Re8 14.h3 Rc8 15.Kh2 d5 16.Nb6 Rc7 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Ndc4 Nxb6 0-1 Dubov,D (2708)-Mamedov,R (2646) Speed Chess Q1 KO Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (1.9)]
4...Nc6N
[4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d4 0-0 7.Nbd2 Qc7 8.d5 a6 9.a4 b6 10.Ng5 h6 11.Ngf3 Bb7 12.c4 Nbd7 13.h3 e5 14.Bd3 Nh5 15.Nh4 Nf4 16.Ndf3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 b5 18.a5 bxc4 19.Qxc4 ½-½ Hobbs,R (1675)-Tedrick, T 110th Monday Knights RR Berkeley, CA 2000 (1)]
5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nxe4 7.d5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ne5 10.0-0 g6 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Rb1 a6 Wards off Bb5+ **13.a4** White has strong compensation. **13...Qd8** 1.84/21
[13...Qxc3± 0.87/19 14.Bf3 Rb8]
14.Ba3 1.36/22
[14.Be3+- 1.84/21]
14...Bg7± 15.d6 Bf8



16.f4 1.08/19
[16.Bc4!+- 1.64/23 exd6 17.Qf3]
16...exd6 17.Bc4 fxe5 is the strong threat. **17...Be7?** 3.36/20
[17...d5± 0.96/19 18.Bxf8 dxc4]
18.fxe5+- d5 19.Bxd5
[19.Qxd5? Qxd5 *(19...Bxa3 20.Qxf7#)* 20.Bxd5 Bxa3-+]
19...0-0

(Diagram)



20.Bxf7+?? -3.47/19 **Rxf7-+** **21.Qb3** **Bf5** White must now prevent ...Bxa3. **22.g4** **Bxa3** **23.gxf5** **Bc5+** **24.Kh1** **Qd3** **25.Rbe1** Wards off Qe4+ **25...gxf5** **26.Qe6** -5.57/20

[⊼26.Qd1 -3.88/20 Qxd1 *(26...Qxc3? 27.Qd5-+)* 27.Rxd1]

26...Raf8 Strongly threatening ...Kh8!

[26...Qxc3 27.Rg1+ Kf8 *(27...Bxg1 28.Rxg1+ Kh8 29.Qxf7∓)* 28.Qh6+ Ke8 *(28...Ke7 29.Qg5+ Ke8 30.Qh5∓)* 29.Qh5=]

27.Qa2 -6.84/22

[⊼27.c4 -4.02/22]

27...Kh8 (→ ...Rg7!) **28.Rf4** **Rg7** Black mates. **29.e6** **Rfg8** **30.Rff1** **Qxf1+** Weighted Error Value: White=1.06/Black=0.23 (precise)

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C02

□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**

■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**

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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4** **e6** **2.d4** **d5** **3.e5** **c5** **4.c3** **Nc6** **5.Nf3** **Bd7** **6.Be2** **Nge7** **7.Na3** **Nf5** **8.Nc2** **cxd4** **9.cxd4** **Be7** **10.0-0** **0-0** **11.Ne3**

[11.Bd3 f6 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Bd2 Be8 15.Bc3 f4 16.Qd2 a5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Qxf4 Bxd4 19.Qd2 Bb6 20.Ncd4 Bd7 21.Ne5 Qc7 22.f4 Nd8 23.Kh1 Qd6 24.Rad1 Re8 25.Ndf3 Nc6 ½-½ Firouzja,A (2785)-Carlsen,M (2853) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (11)]

[11.g4 Nh4 12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.f4 Be7 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Qd2 f6 16.b4 Be8 17.Rac1 Bg6 18.f5 Bf7 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.g5 Be7 21.Bg4 exf5 22.Bxf5 Ra8 23.Bf4 Qb6 24.Rb1 Bg6 25.Bxg6 hxg6 0-1 Dominguez Perez,L (2739)-Mekhitarian,K (2537) Aimchess Play In op Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (7)]

11...Nxe3N

[11...Qb6 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Rb1 Rac8 14.g3 Nd8 15.Bd3 g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Be3 Rc7 18.Qd2 Bb4 19.Qe2 Ne6 20.h4 h5 21.Kg2 Rec8 6) Vorstoßvariante-6 | Vorstoß mit 6. Le2 | WeiÃ]

12.Bxe3 **f6** **13.exf6** **Bxf6** **14.Qd2** **Be8** The position is equal. **15.h3** **Bh5** **16.Rfe1** **Qe8** **17.a3** **a5** **18.Rad1** **a4** **19.g4** **Bg6** And now ...Bd8 would win. **20.Bg5!** **Qe7** With the idea ...Be4. **21.Qe3** **Be4** **22.Bxf6!** **Rxf6** **23.Ng5** **Raf8** Hoping for ...Rf4. **24.f3** -1.00/21

[24.Nxe4= 0.07/22 was the only way to keep the balance. dxe4 25.Qxe4 Rxf2 *(25...Rf4 26.Qe3=)* 26.d5]

24...Bg6 25.h4 h6

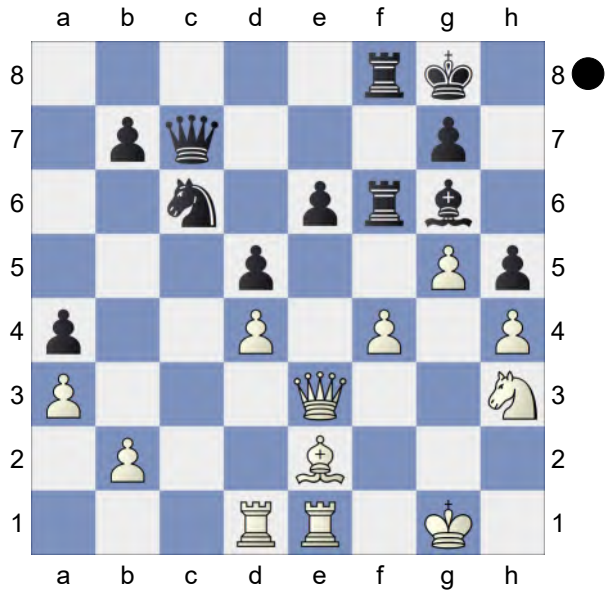
[25...Qc7 with more complications. 26.Kg2 h6 27.Nxe6 Qe7]

26.Nh3 Qc7 -0.36/21

[Black should play 26...R6f7!∓ -1.24/21 ...Bc2! is the strong threat. 27.h5 Bc2]

27.f4∓ h5 28.g5 -1.47/20

[28.gxh5= -0.22/21 Be4 29.Bg4]



28...Rxf4!∓ 29.Nxf4

[29.Qxe6+? loses. Bf7 30.Qe3 Rxh4-+]

29...Rxf4 -0.70/17

[Better is 29...Qxf4∓ -1.09/23 30.Qxf4 *(30.Qxe6+? Kh7-+)* 30...Rxf4]

30.Qxe6+∓ Kh7! 31.Qxd5? -4.93/22 This move loses the game for White.

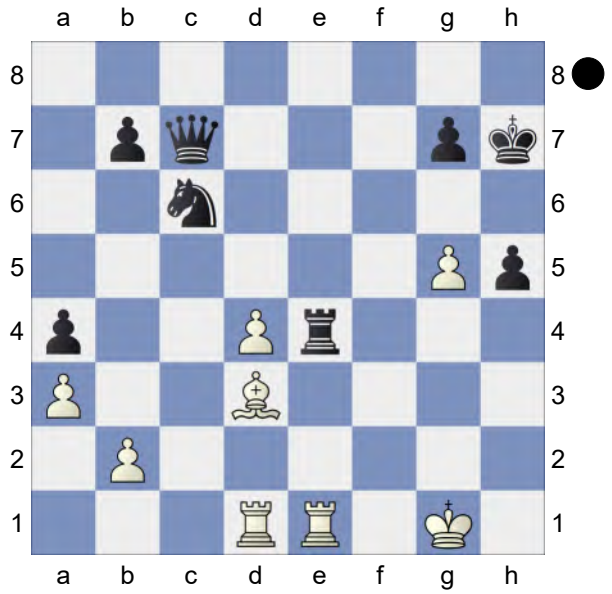
[31.Qe3∓ -1.03/17]

31...Rxh4-+ 32.Qg2 Prevents Qg3.

32...Be4

[Worse is 32...Rxd4 33.Qh3 Qf4 34.Bxh5 Qxg5+ 35.Bg4+ Kg8 36.Rxd4 Nxd4 37.Rd1±]

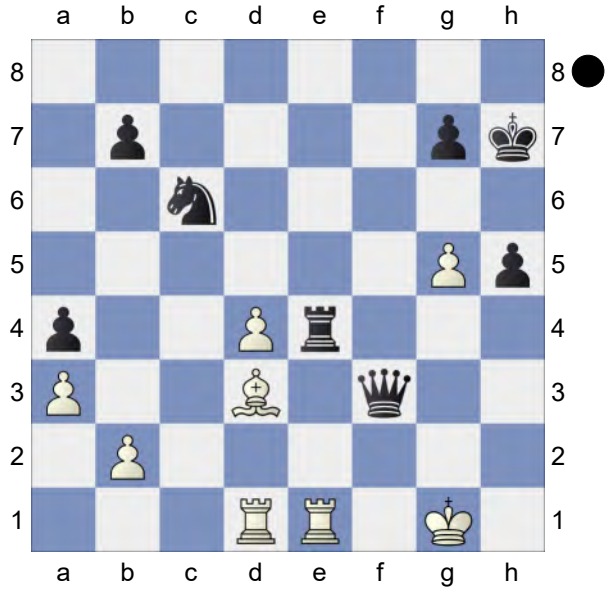
33.Qxe4+ Rxe4 34.Bd3



Qg3+? -4.81/19

[34...g6! -2.14/19 (→ ...Qg3+) 35.Bxe4 Qg3+ 36.Bg2 Qxg5]

35.Kf1 Qf3+ 36.Kg1



Qxd3!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.11 (very precise)

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C00
□ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**
■ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim** **2374**
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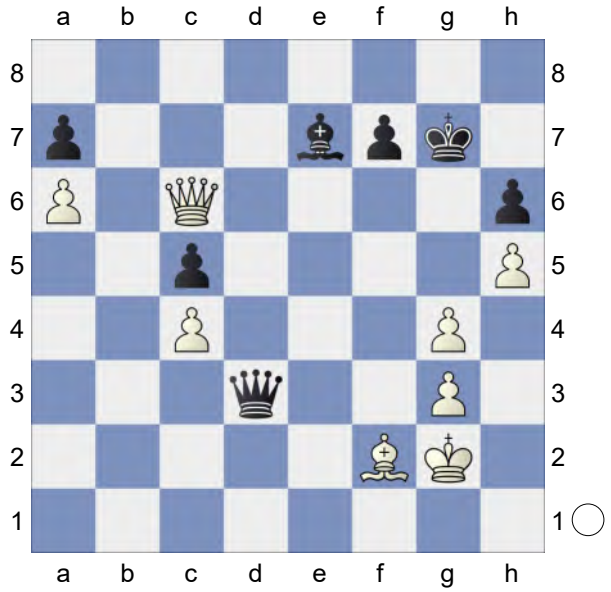
[Kitty Kat]

A08: King's Indian Attack **1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Ngf3 dxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.0-0 Be7 9.c3**
[9.Re1 0-0 10.c3 Re8 11.Qc2 Bf8 12.Nf1 h6 13.Ne3 Be6 14.Rd1 Qc8 15.Nd5 Nd7 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.Nf1 Ne7 18.Nfe3 f6 19.a4 Bf7 20.a5 Nbxd5 21.exd5 Rd8 22.c4 Rd6 23.Be4 Rb8 ½-½ Clausen,M (1736)-Zejda,K (1890) GER jub50 qJVH02 corr Germany 1996 (6)]
9...0-0 10.Qc2 -0.21/22
[10.Nc4⩲ 0.49/21]
10...b5N 0.27/23
[⊿10...Qc7 -0.21/22 11.Nc4 Be6 *(11...Nd7 12.Ne3 Nb6 13.a4 a5 14.Rd1 Bd6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nf3 Ne7 17.Qd2 Rd8 18.Nh4 Be6 19.Nd5 Qc6 20.Qe2 Nexd5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Nxd5 23.c4 Nc3 24.bxc3 Qd7 25.Qe4 Rab8 26.Be3* 1-0 Wunderman,X (2215)-Talamon,J (1710) Syre Memorial op 32nd Issy les Moulineaux 2009 (4)*)* 12.Ne3 h6 *(12...Rfd8 13.Ng5 Bc8 14.Nd5 Qd6 15.Rd1 h6 16.Nf3 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nb8 18.Nd2 f5 19.Nc4 Qf6 20.b4 cxb4 21.cxb4 Bxb4 22.Bb2 Bd6 23.f4 Bc5+ 24.Kh1 Bd4 25.fxe5* 1-0 Weill,R (2290)-Vacca,G FRA-ch 54th Courchevel 1979 (6)*)* 13.Nh4 Bd6 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ne7 16.c4 Rab8 17.a4 a6 18.a5 b5 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Bd2 Qb8 21.Bc3 Nh7 22.Rae1 f5 23.f4 e4 24.Bh3 g6 25.Rxe4 fxe4 1-0 Tompa,J (2440)-Maury,F Val Thorens op 05th 1980]
11.a4 b4 12.Rd1 Be6 The position is equal. **13.Nc4** Discovered Attack **13...Qb8 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bd2 Rd8 16.Be1** -0.34/21
[16.Bf1= 0.14/22 is more appropriate.]
16...Rxd1!∓ 17.Rxd1 bxc3 18.bxc3 Qc7 0.14/22
[⊿18...Qb3 -0.28/23 19.Nfxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxa4]
19.Nfd2 Rd8 20.Ra1 Na5 21.Bf1 Nxc4 22.Nxc4 Bc8 23.f3 Ba6 0.66/21
[23...Be6= 0.27/23 should be considered.]
24.Qa2⩲ Bf8 25.Rb1 Bc8 26.a5 Nh7 27.h4 Kh8 1.33/19
[27...g5!⩲ 0.51/20]
28.a6± g5 1.83/20
[28...Kg8± 1.47/19 29.Bf2 g5]
29.h5? 0.09/18
[29.Qa5+- 1.83/20 Bd6 30.Rb5 Qxa5 31.Rxa5]
29...g4= 30.fxg4 Nf6 31.Qa5 Bd6 32.Be2 Nxe4 33.Qa4 Bd7 34.Qc2 Bc6 35.Rd1
[35.Rb7 with more complications. Bxb7 36.axb7 Ng5 37.Qf5]
35...Be7 36.Rxd8+ Bxd8 37.Qd3 Be7 38.Bf3 Ng5 39.Bxc6 Deflection **39...Qxc6 40.Nxe5 Qe6 41.Qf5↑** White is more active. **41...Qa2** Prevents Bd2 **42.Nf3** Black must now prevent Nxg5. **42...Nxf3+ 43.Qxf3** Endgame. Qb7 would now be deadly. KQB-KQB **43...Kg7 44.Qb7 Bd6 45.Bf2 Qe2** Dodges c4 **46.Qc6 Qd1+** 2.29/29
[46...Bf8= 0.29/22 and Black stays safe.]
47.Kg2+- Qd3 Prevents c4. **48.c4!** Qd5 is the strong threat.
[48.Bxc5 Qxg3+ *(48...Qxc3*

49.Qxd6 Qc2+ 50.Kh3 Qe4 51.Qd4+ Qxd4 52.Bxd4+ f6 53.Bxa7) 49.Kf1 Qh3+ 50.Ke2 Qxg4+ 51.Kd2 Bxc5 52.Qxc5 Qg2+ 53.Ke1 Qe4+ 54.Kf2 Qc2+ 55.Ke3 Qc1+ 56.Ke4 Qh1+ 57.Kd4 Qd1+ 58.Kc4 Qa4+ 59.Kd5 Qd7+ *(59...Qxa6 60.c4=)* 60.Qd6 Qb5+ 61.Qc5 Qxa6∓]

48...Be7? 3.37/25

[48...Bf8 1.71/23 was worth a try.]



49.Qb7 1.38/19

[49.Bxc5? too greedy. Qxc4 50.g5 hxg5 *(50...Bxc5? 51.gxh6+ Kh7 52.Qf3-+; 50...Qxc5 51.Qxh6+ Kg8 52.g6-+)* 51.h6+ Kh7-+]

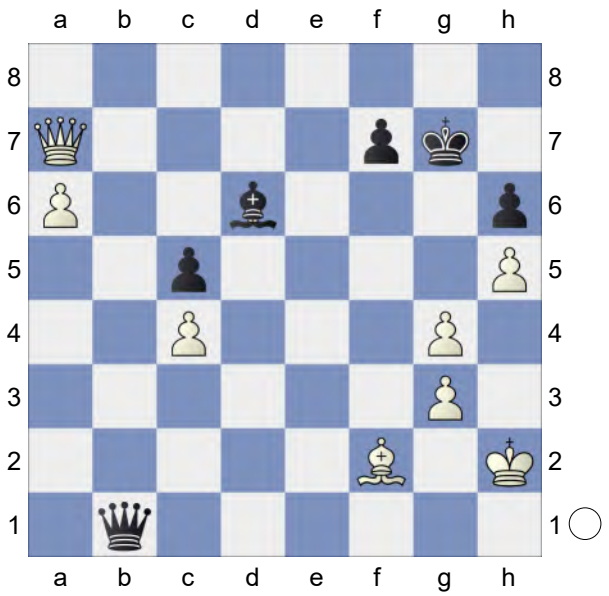
[49.g5!+- 3.37/25 and the rest is easy. hxg5 50.h6+ *(50.Bxc5? Qxc4 51.h6+ Kh7-+)* 50...Kh7 51.Qb7 *(51.Bxc5? Qxc4 52.Qf3 Bxc5-+)*]

49...Bf8? 5.55/23 This costs Black the game.

[49...Bf6± 1.38/19]

50.Qxa7 Qe4+ 51.Kg1 Qb1+ 52.Kh2 Bd6

(Diagram)



53.Bd4+! cxd4 54.Qxd4+ Kh7 And now ...Qa2+ would win. **55.Qxd6** KQ-KQ **55...Qc2+ 56.Kh3 Qxc4 57.Qf6 Qa2 58.Qf5+ Kg7 59.Qe5+ Kh7 60.Qe4+ Kg8 61.Qb7** Intending a7 and mate. **61...f5 62.Qc8+ Kg7 63.Qd7+ Kg8 64.a7** White threatens Qe8+ and mate. **64...fxg4+ 65.Qxg4+ Kh7 66.Qe4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.47

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B67

□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**

■ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**

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[Kitty Kat]

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f3 Be7**

[9...b5 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Ne2 h6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.h4 *(13.Nd4 Bb7 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Kb1 Ne5 16.g4 d5 6.Bg5 / 9.f3-N,N 2019)* 13...Rc8

14.Nd4 Bb7 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Kb1 Ne5 17.Rhe1 Be7 18.h5 0-0 19.g4 d5 20.g5 dxe4 21.fxe4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Qxc4 23.Qg2 hxg5 24.Bxg5 ½-½ La Manna,A (2609)-Cardenas,R (2558) French under 20 Ch FRA 1999 (7)]

10.Kb1 b5N

[10...Qc7 11.Be3 Ne5 12.g4 h6 13.h4 b5 14.Bd3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 g6 16.a3 Rc8 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Qb7 19.Qd2 b4 20.axb4 Qxb4 21.Nb3 Ba4 22.Nxa4 Qxa4 23.Qd3 Qc6 24.Rh2 Nd7 25.Bxe7 ½-½ Brodsky, M (2415)-Kupreichik,V (2460) Beskidy 52/247 1991 Kxe7 26.Qe3 Rh5 27.Rhd2 Nb6 28.Nd4 Qb7 29.Qb3 Qc7 30.Rd3 Rc5 31.f4 Nc4 32.Qa2 Ra5 33.Qb3 Rc5 34.Qa2 Kf8 35.Nb3 Rb5 36.Qxa6 Rb6 37.Qa4 Qb7 38.Rc3 Qxe4 39.Qa7 Rbc6 40.Qd4 0-1 Adocchio,G (2525)-Olsen, J (2620) 20/77 Vrsac 1975]

11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.h4 h6 13.Bf4 b4 1.02/20

[13...d5⩲ 0.53/20 is more appropriate.]

14.Ne2± White is better. **14...e5 15.Bh2 h5 16.Ng3** 0.56/21

[16.Qxb4± 0.98/23 aiming for Bxe5. Qc7 17.Qd2]

16...g6⩲ 17.Bc4 Qc7 18.Qe2 0.00/22

[18.c3⩲ 0.38/19 should be considered.]

18...0-0 19.Nf1! Bb5 20.Ne3 Rfc8 21.Bd3 0.00/21

[21.Bxb5 axb5 22.Qd3 Ra4 23.Qxb5 Qa7-+]

[21.b3!⩲ 0.46/23 was preferrable.]

21...Bxd3 22.Rxd3 a5 23.g4 a4? 1.92/19

[Black should try 23...hxg4⩲ 0.35/22 24.h5 Kg7]

24.g5!+- Ne8 25.Nd5 Qb7 26.f4 exf4 2.02/22

[26...Rc6± 1.60/20]

27.Bxf4 Bf8 28.Bd2 Bg7 2.43/23

[28...Nc7± 1.51/18]

29.Bxb4

[29.Nxb4 Rc4 30.c3 Rxe4= *(30...Qxe4 31.Qxe4 Rxe4 32.Nd5=)*]

29...Rc4 30.a3 Nc7 31.Rf3

[31.Bxd6? Qxb2#]

31...Qa6 32.Qd3 1.33/18

[32.Ne7++- 4.09/21 is more deadly. Kh7 33.Qd3 *(33.Rxf7 Rxb4 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7±)*]

32...Nxd5± 33.Qxd5 Ra7 White must now prevent ...Rxc2! **34.Rd1** 0.00/21 White is more active.

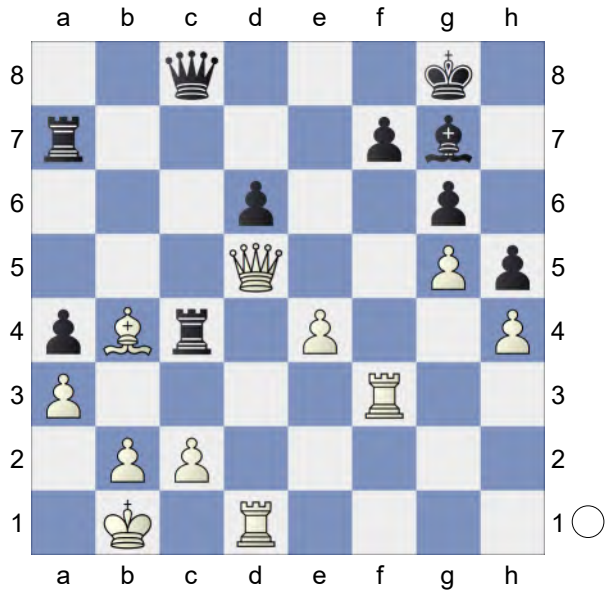
[34.Bxd6? Rd4 35.Qc5 Rxd6-+]

[34.Qxd6?! Rxc2 35.Rh2 *(35.Qd8+ Kh7∓)* 35...Rxh2 36.Qxh2 Qe6=]

[34.c3± 1.46/21]

34...Qc8? 1.94/19

[34...Rxc2!= 0.00/21 35.Kxc2 Qe2+ 36.Rd2 Qxf3]



35.c3!+-

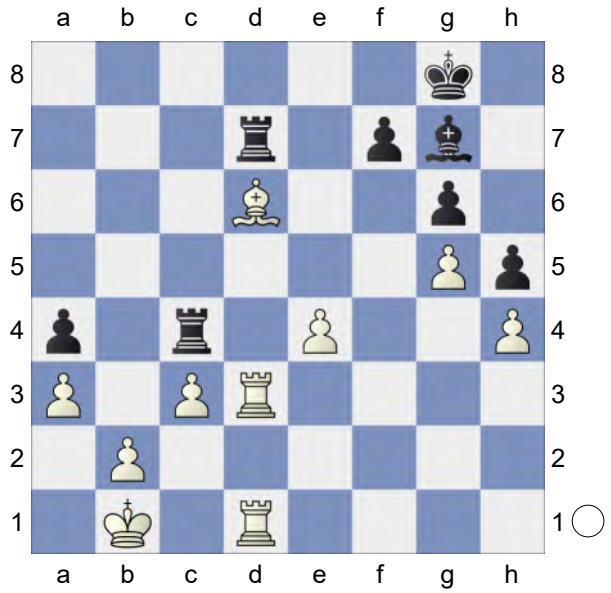
[35.Qxd6?! Rxe4 36.Rc3 Qe8= *(36...Bxc3 37.Bxc3 Rc7 38.Qf6=)*]

[35.Bxd6 Rxc2 36.e5 Rh2=]

35...Rd7 2.94/22

[35...Rb7 1.93/23 is a better defense. 36.Ka1 *(36.Bxd6 Rxc3 37.Rf2 Rf3=; 36.Qxd6 Rxe4 37.Qa6 Rxh4=)* 36...Rc6]

36.Bxd6 Qc6 37.Qxc6 Rxc6 38.Rfd3 Threatens to win with e5. **38...Rc4**



39.e5 And now Rd4 would win.

39...Rxh4 40.Rd4 Rxd4 4.33/23

[⌓40...Rxd6 2.79/20 41.Rxd6 Bxe5]

41.Rxd4 Endgame. KRB-KRB

[Not 41.cxd4 Bf8±]

41...Bf8 5.49/22

[41...Rxd6 3.57/20 was called for. 42.Rxd6 Bxe5 43.Rd8+ Kg7]

42.c4 White is clearly winning. **42...f6 43.gxf6 Kf7 44.c5 Rd8 45.c6 Bh6 46.c7 Rc8 47.Rb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.52

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E01

□ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**

■ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**

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[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian Recently a few GMs have been playing a Stonewall setup in the Closed Catalan, playing an early ... Ne4, and I figured it was worth a good look! **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Rd1 Nd7 10.b3**

[10.Be1 b6 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 f5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Qc6 Ba6 15.Qxe6+ Kh8 16.Qxd5 Rc8 17.e3 Rc2 18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Bf1 Bb7 20.Bg2 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Nf6 22.Qd3 Nd5 23.Nf3 Rxb2 24.Rdc1 Qb7 0-1 Risteski,E (2366)-Nihal,S (2670) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2)]

10...b6 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.h4N White is slightly better.

[12.Nc3 g5 13.Be3 f5 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Ne5 Qe8 16.Qc1 h6 17.h4 Nxe5 18.dxe5 gxh4 19.Bxh6 Rf7 20.gxh4 Bxh4 21.Qf4 Be7 22.Rac1 Rh7 23.Rc3 Kh8 24.Bg5 Rd8 25.Rd6 Rxd6 26.exd6 Bxg5 ½-½ Ragger,M (2689)-Lalith Babu,M (2553) Tradewise Masters chess24.com 2016 (9.8)]

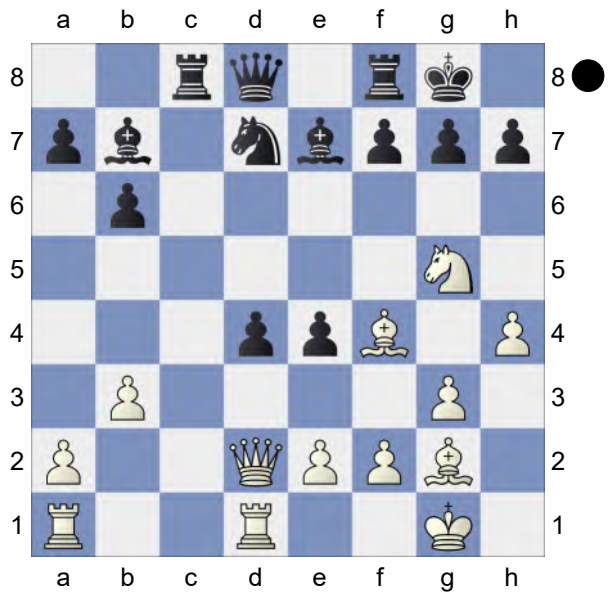
[12.Nbd2 f5 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rc8 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.f3 exf3 17.exf3 c5 18.f4 E 01/15 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]

12...c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nbd2 Rc8 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 -0.39/22

[White should try 16.Ne5= 0.11/22]

16...cxd4!∓ 17.Qd2 -1.99/23

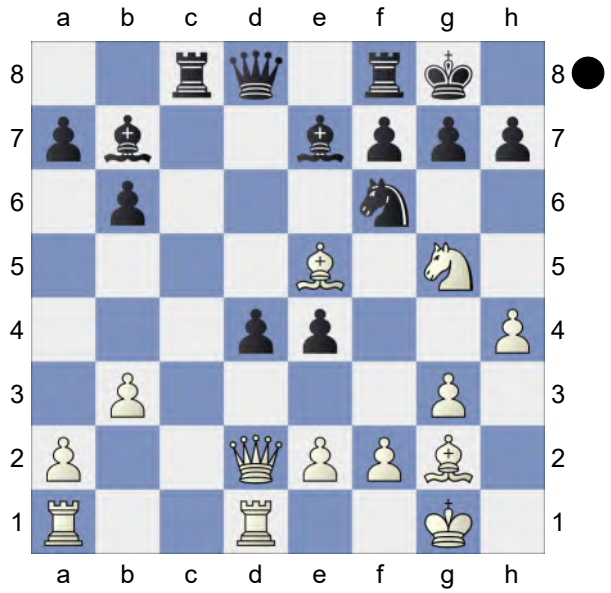
[17.Qb1!∓ -0.40/22]



17...Nf6 -0.76/23

[17...Nc5!-+ -1.99/23 aiming for ...h6. 18.b4 *(18.Qxd4? Qxd4 19.Rxd4 Bf6-+)* 18...h6 19.bxc5 hxg5 20.hxg5 bxc5 *(20...Rxc5 21.Qxd4 Qa8 22.Qe3=)*]

18.Be5∓



e3! 19.fxe3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 dxe3 -0.21/24

[20...Qd5+∓ -0.84/20 21.Nf3 Qe6 22.exd4 Nd5]

21.Qxe3

[21.Qxd8 simplifies Rfxd8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Kf3]

21...Qe8

[21...Ng4?! 22.Qf4 Bxg5 23.Qxg4±]

22.Qd3! Qc6+ 23.Kh3 Rfd8 24.Qf5 h6 Chess con chili. **25.Rac1** Deflection **25...Qxc1 26.Rxc1 Rxc1 27.Bxf6 Bxf6 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Ne4** And now Nxf6 would win. **29...Bd4↑** Black is really pushing. Black is more active. Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **30.Qf5** -1.41/20

[⌓30.Nd2 -0.78/20]

30...Rc6 -0.71/20

[Better is 30...Kg8 -1.41/20 31.Qf4 Rc6]

31.h5? -2.26/22

[31.Qh7∓ -0.71/20 keeps fighting.]

31...Re6-+ 32.Qf4 Be5 33.Qf3 Bb8 Threatens to win with ...Rde8. **34.Nc3 Re5** Dodges Nd5 **35.e4** -3.00/22

[⌓35.b4 -1.95/22]

35...Rg5 36.Ne2 Kg8 37.Nf4 Be5 38.g4 Bxf4 39.Qxf4 Endgame. KQ-KRR **39...Rd3+ 40.Kh4 Rc5 41.Qb8+ Kh7 42.Qxa7 Rcc3 43.g5 Rh3+ 44.Kg4 Rhg3+ 45.Kf4 Rcf3+** Deflection

[45...Rxg5 46.Qxf7 Rc2 47.Qe6∓]

46.Ke5 Rxg5+ 47.Kd4 b5

[47...Rxh5 48.Qxb6 g5 49.e5]

48.a4 bxa4

[48...Rxh5 49.a5∓]

49.bxa4 -4.15/20

[49.Qxa4 -2.80/21 is the only way for White. Rxh5 50.b4]

49...Rxh5 50.a5 Ra3 51.a6 f6 52.Qb7 Rha5 53.Qc8 h5

[53...Rxa6 54.Qf5+ Kg8 55.Qc8+ Kf7 56.Qd7+ Kf8 57.Qc8+ Ke7 *(57...Kf7 58.Qd7+ Kf8 59.Qd8+ Kf7 60.Qd7+=)* 58.Qc7+ Ke6 *(58...Kf8 59.Qd8+ Kf7 60.Qd5+ Re6 61.Qd7+ Re7 62.Qd5+ Ke8 63.Qg8+ Kd7*

64.Qd5+ Ke8 65.Qg8+ Kd7 66.Qd5+ Ke8=) 59.Qc8+ Kf7 60.Qd7+ Kg6 61.Qf5+ Kf7 62.Qd7+=]

54.Qe8 Kh6

[And not 54...Rxa6 55.Qxh5+ Kg8 56.Qe8+ Kh7 57.Qh5+ Kg8 58.Qe8+ Kh7 59.Qh5+=]

55.Qh8+ Kg6 56.Qe8+ Kg5 57.Qd7 Kh6

[Weaker is 57...Rxa6 58.Qxg7+ Kh4 59.Qc7=]

58.Qe8 Rxa6 59.Qh8+ Kg6 60.Qe8+ Kg5 61.Qg8 Ra7 62.e5 fxe5+

[But not 62...Rd7+ 63.Kc5 fxe5 64.Qe6 Ra5+ 65.Kc4]

63.Kxe5 -7.11/25

[⌓63.Ke4 -4.96/18]

63...Re3+ 64.Kd4 Rae7 65.Qd5+ Kh6 Hoping for ...R7e4+! **66.Qd6+ Kh7 67.Qh2 g6 68.Kd5 Rd3+ 69.Kc4 Red7 70.Kb4 Rd2 71.Qg3 Rc2** (→ ...Rb7+) **72.Kb3 Rc6 73.Qb8** Against Rb7+ **73...Rdc7 74.Qb4** Inhibits Rc3+. **74...Rc3+ 75.Kb2 Rc2+ 76.Kb1 Rc1+ 77.Ka2 R7c2+ 78.Ka3 Ra1+ 79.Kb3 Rb1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.24 (precise)

0-1

A45

□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
ch-USA w 2024 (6.1) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines Including this game is basically just for a bit of fun. Black plays a very dodgy opening and his position is resignable after seven moves. However, White doesn't play the most precise refutation and before we know it Black has tremendous compensation for the piece. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...e6 4.e4 exd5 5.e5 Qe7 6.Qe2 Ne4 7.Nxd5 Qxe5 8.Nc3 d5 9.f3 f5 10.fxe4 fxe4 11.Nf3 Qf5 12.Nh4 Qf7 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Be7 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.g3 0-0+ 17.Ke1 Nd4 18.Ba4* 0-1 Wohlfahrt,R (2127)-Grooten,H (2390) 20th Open Böblingen GER 2003 (5) *)* 4.e4 g6

A) 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 7.♗c4 ♕a5 8.♕d2 e6_6062 (2345)-Jovic,A (2383) Gonfreville op 1979 (3.76)*; 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 Re8 8.Be2 Na6 9.0-0 Nc7 10.a4 b6 11.Rfe1 a6 12.h3 Bb7 13.Bc4 Qd7 14.Qd3 Rab8 15.e5 Nh5 16.Bh2 Ba8 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Qxa6 e6 19.Rad1 dxe5 20.Nxe5 Qb7* 1-0 Veresov,G-Goldenov,B 69: Belarusian Championship, Minsk 1955*)* 6...0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 ½-½ Atalik,S (2561)-Epishin,V (2605) CCA-ICC op Lake George 2005 (9);

B) 5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9. ♘c3 ♘e7 10.

♘e4_82589 NO 1925]

3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5 Na6 5.e3 c6 6.Nc3 c5 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.Ne5 The position is equal. **8...cxd4 9.exd4 Bb4 10.Bxa6 bxa6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Rc8 13.Bg5** White is more active. **13...Rxc3** 1.35/22

[⊿13...h6 0.76/18 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Nxd7 Qxd7]

14.Ng4 0.77/19

[⊿14.Bd2 1.35/22 Rc8 15.Bb4]

14...h6 1.17/21

[⊿14...h5 0.77/19 15.Nxf6+ gxf6]

15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Bh4 0.74/18

[⊿16.Qd2 1.15/19 Bxf6 is the strong threat. Rc4 17.Bxh6]

16...Rg8± 17.Qd2 Rc4 18.Qxh6 0.25/20

[White should play 18.Rfb1± 1.07/23]

18...Rg6!= 19.Qe3 Rg4 20.Qh6 Rg6! 21.Qe3 Rg4 22.Bg3 Strongly threatening Rfb1. **22...Rgxd4 23.Rfb1 Bb5 24.c3** White has compensation. **24...Re4 25.Qh6** Black must now prevent f3. **25...Ra4!**

[25...Rxc3? perishes. 26.a4+- *(26.Bh4 Rxh4 27.Qxh4 Rc4±)*]

26.h4 Ke7 27.Rb4 -0.53/22 **Raxb4∓ 28.cxb4 Rxb4** 0.00/22

[28...d4∓ -0.45/19 29.f3 Re2]

29.Qg7? -1.75/20

[29.Rc1= 0.00/22]

29...d4!-+ 30.Qg4 Rc4 Prevents Rc1. **31.a4?** -3.76/23

[31.Qf3∓ -1.51/18]

31...Bxa4 -1.86/21

[31...Rxa4 32.Rxa4 Bxa4 33.h5=]

[⊿31...d3 -3.76/23 32.Qd1 Bc6]

32.h5? -3.99/22

[32.Bf4 -1.86/21]

32...Bb5 Hoping for ...d3. **33.h6 d3 34.Qd1 d2** -1.62/17

[⊿34...Qd4! -3.05/20 35.h7 Rc8]

35.h7 Rd4 -1.26/22

[Black should try 35...e5!-+ -1.96/20 36.h8Q Qxh8 37.Qxd2 Qg8]

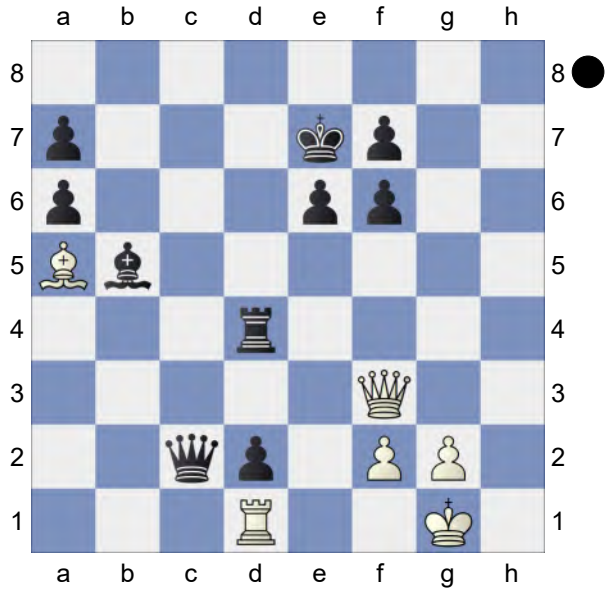
36.Bc7 -1.75/26 **Qh8**

[And not 36...Qxc7 37.h8Q Qc3 38.Qb8±]

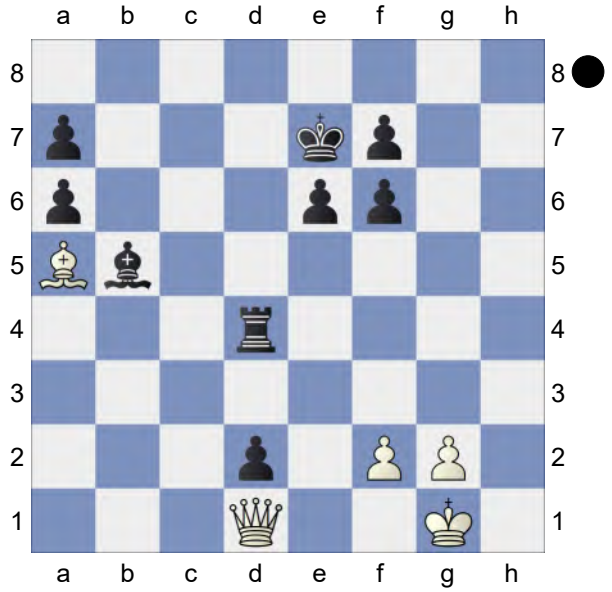
37.Qf3? -5.47/21

[37.Qc2 -1.99/19 Rd3 38.Rd1]

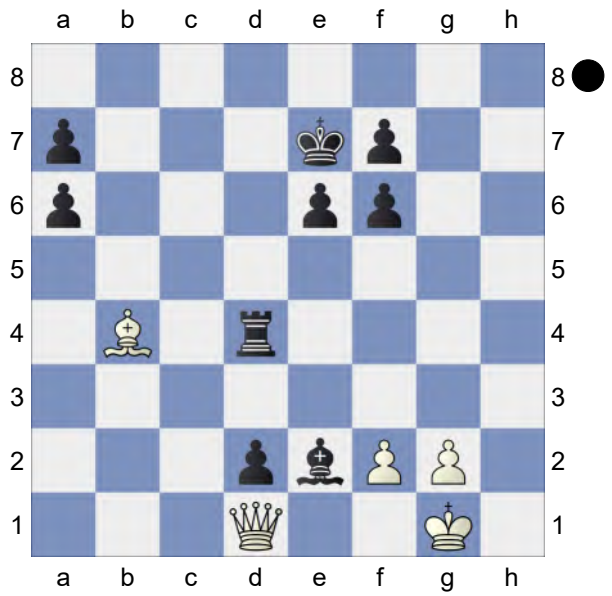
37...Qxh7 aiming for ...Qc2. **38.Ba5 Qc2 39.Rd1**



Qxd1+? -0.86/24 **40.Qxd1∓**



Be2! Decoy, Promotion **41.Bb4+** (Diagram)



Kd8! 42.Qxd2 Rxd2 43.Bxd2 Endgame. KB-KB **43...Kc7 44.f4?** -2.71/26

[44.f3∓ -0.94/30]

44...Kb6? -0.69/34

[44...e5-+ -2.71/26 Threatens to win with ...Bg4. 45.Kf2 Bh5]

45.Kf2 Bc4 46.Ke3 a5 -0.26/27

[46...f5∓ -0.75/29 47.Kd4 Kb5]

47.Kd4 -0.69/32

[47.g4= -0.26/27]

47...Bd5 48.g4 -2.95/31

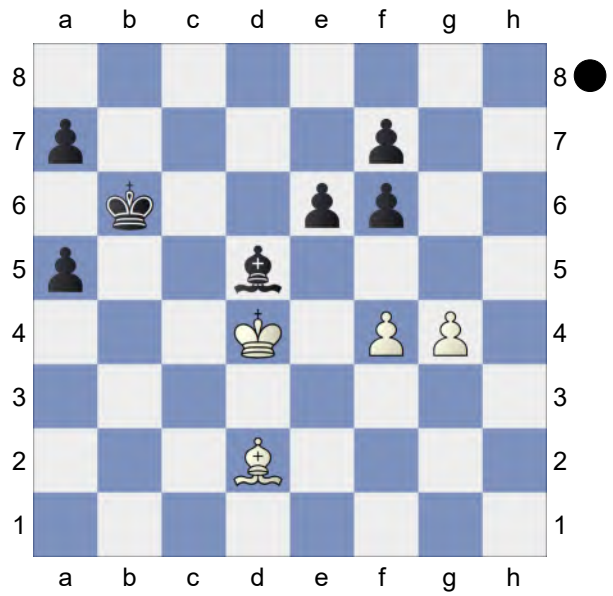
[48.g3∓ -0.79/25 was the only chance.]

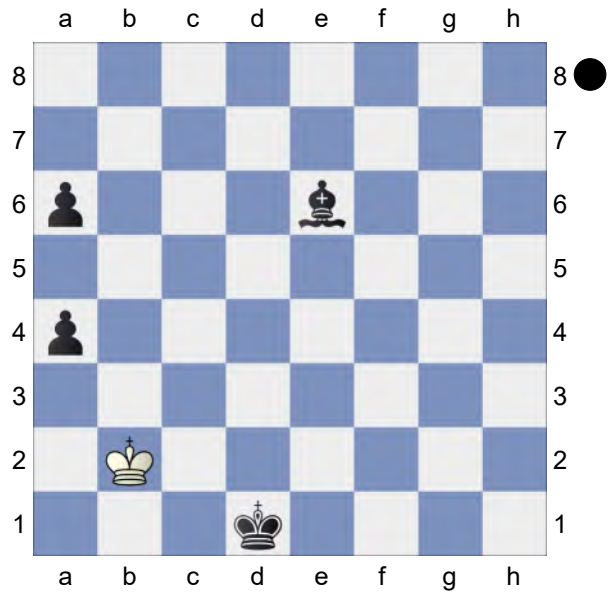
(Diagram)

48...Kb5? -0.26/29

[48...Bf3!-+ -2.95/31 49.g5 f5]

49.Bc3= Black has an edge. **49...Bf3 50.Kd3! Bxg4 51.Bxf6 a4 52.Kc3 Bd1 53.Kb2 Kb4 54.Be7+ Kc4 55.Bd6 Kd5 56.Bc7 Ke4 57.Bd6 f6 58.Bb8 Bb3 59.Bc7 e5 60.fxe5 f5 61.Bb8 a6 62.e6 Bxe6 63.Bc7 f4 64.Bxf4 Kxf4 65.Ka1 Ke3 66.Kb2 Kd2 67.Ka1 Kd1 68.Kb2**





a3+! 69.Ka1

[69.Kb1 Kd2]

69...Kc1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.46

½-½

A28
□ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
ch-USA w 2024 (6.2) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3**

[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1) *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Dragon Variation,Y (2550)-Stamnov,A (2561) USSR 45/(175) 1988 (3)]

4...Bb4 5.Qc2 0-0N

[5...d5 6.Nxd5 Bd6 7.a3 0-0 8.Ng5 g6 9.h4 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 h6 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f5 14.Qc2 e4 15.b4 Ne5 16.Nf4 Re8 17.c5 Bf8 18.Qb3+ Kh7 19.Bb2 Qd7 20.Bxe5 1-0 Shabanov,D-Shtyrenkov,V US op Boston 1964 Rxe5 21.Rh3 a5 22.Rd1 axb4 23.axb4 Bg7 24.Rg3 Ra6 25.d3 exd3 26.Rxd3 Qe7 27.h5 g5 28.Ng6 Qe6 29.Nxe5 Qxe5 30.Kd2 Qa1 31.Ke2 f4 32.exf4 gxf4 33.Rh3 Qe5+ 34.Kf1 Qe8 35.Rd1 1-0 Cuno,H-Boettcher,F ICCF World Cup6-7 prel-074 corr 1986 Re6 36.Qc2+ Kh8 37.Qd2 Re4 38.Kg1 Bf6 39.Qd7 Qe5 40.Ra3 Bg7 41.Ra8+ Kh7 42.Qf7 1-0 Curado,A (1655)-Costa,C Coimbra-chT 1995 (6)]

6.Nd5 Re8 7.Bd3 h6 8.a3 Bf8 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Be4 The position is equal. **10...d6 11.b4 Bg4** 0.43/22

[11...Qe6= -0.13/20]

12.Bb2± Ne7 1.18/19

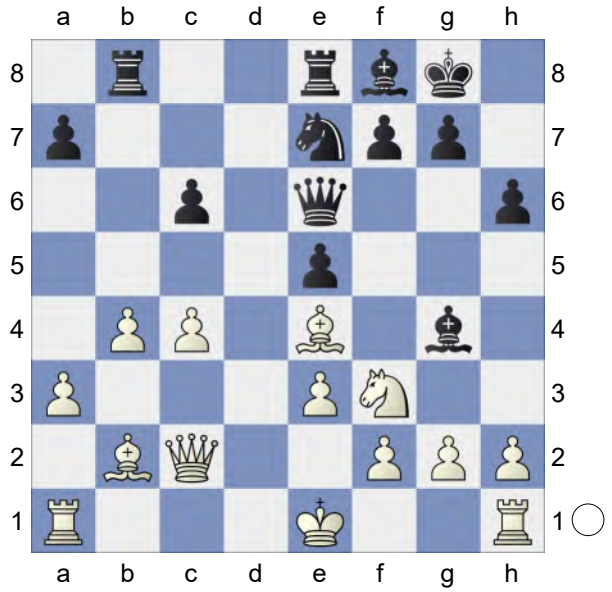
[12...Bh5± 0.40/19]

13.Bxb7± White is more active.

13...Rab8 14.Be4 c6 1.89/20

[14...a5± 1.29/22]

15.d4+- Qe6 16.dxe5 dxe5



...f5 is the strong threat. **17.Nxe5 Bh5** 2.82/20

[17...Bf5± 1.57/20 is a better defense.]

18.0-0 a5 19.bxa5 f6 20.Bf3! fxe5 4.06/23

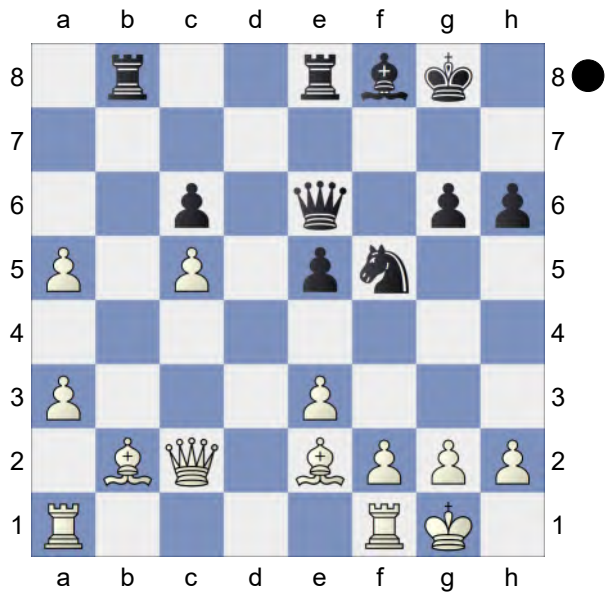
[⌓20...Bxf3 2.59/18 21.Nxf3 c5]

21.Bxh5 g6 White is clearly winning.

22.Be2 Nf5 23.c5

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening Bc4. **23...Kh7 24.Rab1 Qe7 25.Rfc1 e4 26.a6 Qg5 27.Ba1 Nh4 28.g3 Bxc5 29.Qc3 Nf5** Wards off Qg7+ **30.Rxb8 Rxb8 31.Qxc5** White took control after the

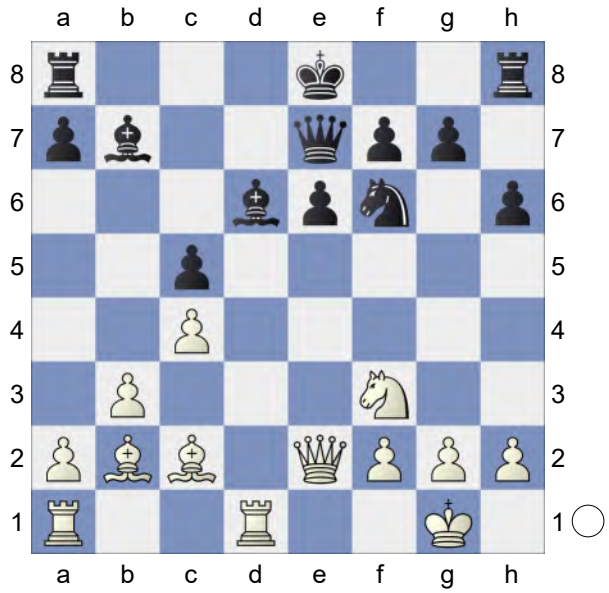


opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.46
1-0

D11

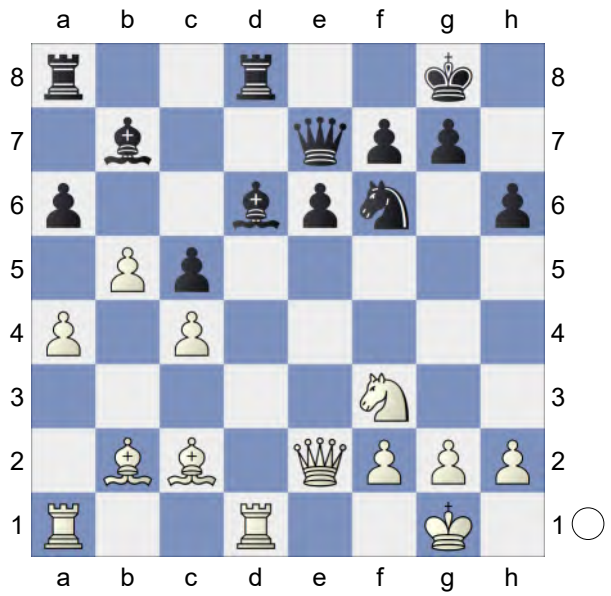
□ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
■ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**
ch-USA w 2024 (6.3) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3 Inf 94/(313) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.0-0**
[6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Re1 Re8 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 h6 15.Rad1 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.cxd5 b5 18.g3 Qd8 19.Nh4 Nf6 20.Bg2 Rc8 1-0 Hou,Y (2057)-Liu,Y (1482) CHN-chT Div-B Hainan 2023 (9)]
6...Bd6 7.Nbd2 b6N 0.78/23
[7...0-0± 0.36/22 was preferrable. 8.e4 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Re1 h6 *(10...Re8 11.exd5 exd4 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Nf6 14.Rh4 h6 15.h3 Bc5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Bb5 Bd7* ½-½ Holloway,N (2600)-Mayer,M (2565) Wertheim Memorial New York 1951 *)* 11.exd5 exd4 12.Nc4 Bc5 13.a3 b5 14.Nce5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Bd6 16.Re1 Qb6 17.b4 Nxd5 18.Nxd4 Be7 19.Bb2 Bf6 20.Qd2 Rd8 21.Rad1 Bg4 22.Be2 Bxe2 ½-½ Iotov,V (2546)-Antonov,N (2389) Vinchev Memorial email ICCF email 2013]
8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 White is slightly better. **10.Bxe4 Bb7 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Rd1 Nf6** 0.64/18
[12...0-0!= 0.10/20]
13.Bc2± h6 Prevents Bg5 **14.b3** 0.09/19
[14.Be3± 0.58/20 is superior.]
14...c5= 15.Bb2 White wants to play d5.
15...Qe7 0.97/18
[15...Bxf3= 0.16/21 16.Qxf3 0-0]
16.dxc5± bxc5



17.b4! 0-0 18.b5 Rfd8 19.a4 White is more active. **19...a6** 2.15/18
[19...Bc7± 1.18/19 20.a5 Rxd1+ 21.Bxd1 a6]

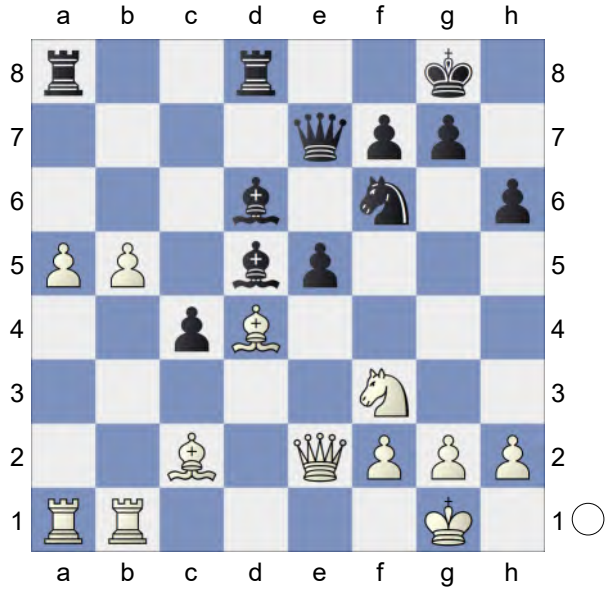
(Diagram)



20.a5!+- axb5 21.cxb5 Bd5 22.Rdb1 c4 23.Bd4 1.15/16

[23.Bc3+- 1.77/18]

23...e5±



Strongly threatening ...Bxf3. **24.Be3** 0.50/21

[24.Bxe5? perishes. Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qxe5-+ *(25...Bxe5 26.f4=)*]

[24.Bc3!± 1.26/22]

24...Ng4 25.Bb6 Nd2 is the strong threat.

[25.Rd1 is more complex. e4 26.Rxd5 exf3 27.Qxf3 Bxh2+ 28.Kf1]

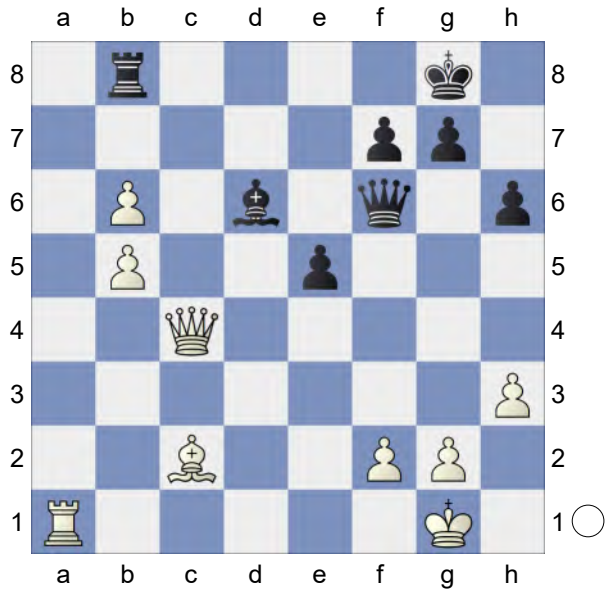
25...Rdb8? 2.38/23 This costs Black the game.

[25...e4!± 0.70/18]

26.h3 Nf6 27.Nd2 Nd7 3.24/19

[27...e4 1.93/20 keeps fighting.]

28.Nxc4+- Bxc4 29.Qxc4 Nxb6 30.axb6 Rxa1 31.Rxa1 Black is weak on the light squares **31...Qf6**



32.b7 White is clearly winning. **32...g6**

[32...e4 33.Qc8+]

33.Ra6 Qe7 34.Qd5 Rxb7 35.Rxd6 Kg7 36.b6 Rb8 37.Bxg6 aiming for Rd7. **37...Rc8 38.Rd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.51 **1-0**

C53

□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**

■ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**

ch-USA w 2024 (6.4) 17.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6**

[4...Qf6 5.0-0 d6 6.b4 Bb6 7.a4 a5

8.b5 Nd8 9.d3 Bg4 10.Be3 Ne7 11.Nbd2 Ne6 12.h3 h5 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Re1 Nf4 15.Re3 0-0-0 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.g3 Kb8 18.Nf1 Rh5 19.Ra2 0-1 Rodriguez Vila,A (2496)-Milos,G (2589) Festa da Uva playoff2 Caxias do Sul 2016 (1)]

5.d4

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...exd4 6.b4N -0.49/22

[6.e5= 0.15/23 d5 7.Be2]

[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4... d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 Snijders,P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]

[6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.0-0 Nxg3 12.fxg3 Bg4 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Na5 16.Bxf7+ Qxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Ne5+ Ke6 19.Nxg4 Nc4 20.Rf6+ Ke7 1-0 4. ♕a4 ♘c6 5. ♘c3 e6-12. ♕d2 e5 13. ♗h6_19893 Wch7 U.S.A. 1907 (8)]

6...Bb6∓ 7.e5 d5 8.exf6 Hoping for Qe2+. Black has an edge. **8...dxc4 9.Qe2+! Be6 10.fxg7** -2.35/18

[White must play 10.b5!∓ -0.50/22 Na5 *(10...d3 11.Qe4=)* 11.fxg7]

10...Rg8-+ 11.b5 Ne7 12.cxd4 Rxg7

[12...Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Bb2∓]

13.Nc3? -3.43/21

[13.0-0∓ -1.48/17]

13...Ba5

[13...Rxg2 14.Ne4 Rg6 *(14...Bxd4 15.Nxd4* Remove Defender *Qxd4 16.Bb2∓)* 15.Bg5 Ba5+ *(15...Bxd4? 16.0-0-0+-)* 16.Kd1]

[13...Bxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bb2∓]

14.Bd2 Nd5

[14...Rxg2 15.Ne4 Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2]

15.Qe5 -3.97/21

[15.Nxd5 -2.47/18 was forced. Bxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Qxd5 17.Qe5 Qxe5 *(17...Rxg2? 18.Qxd5 Bxd5 19.Rhg1-+)* 18.Nxe5]

15...f6

[15...Bxc3 16.Qxg7 Bxa1 17.0-0∓]

[15...Rxg2 16.Ne4 Bxd2+ 17.Kxd2 c3+ 18.Ke2∓]

16.Qh5+ Bf7 A strong pair of Bishops.

17.Qh6 Rg6

[17...Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Qe7+ *(18...Rxg2? 19.Kf1-+)* 19.Kf1]

[17...Rxg2 18.Kf1 Rg6 *(18...Rg4? 19.Re1+ Ne7 20.Rg1+-)* 19.Qxh7 *(19.Re1+ Ne7=)* 19...Bxc3 *(19...Nxc3? 20.Re1++-)* 20.Re1+ Ne7 *(20...Kf8 21.Bh6+ Rxh6 22.Qxh6+ Kg8 23.Rg1+)* 21.Bxc3∓]

18.Qxh7 Bxc3

[18...Nxc3 19.Kf1 Qd5 20.Re1+ Ne4 21.Bxa5∓]

19.Bxc3 Nxc3 20.0-0 Qd5

[20...Nxb5 21.Nh4 Rg5 22.Rae1+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Bg8 24.Qh6+ Kf7 25.f4±]

21.Rae1+ Kf8 22.Nh4 Rg7 23.Qh8+

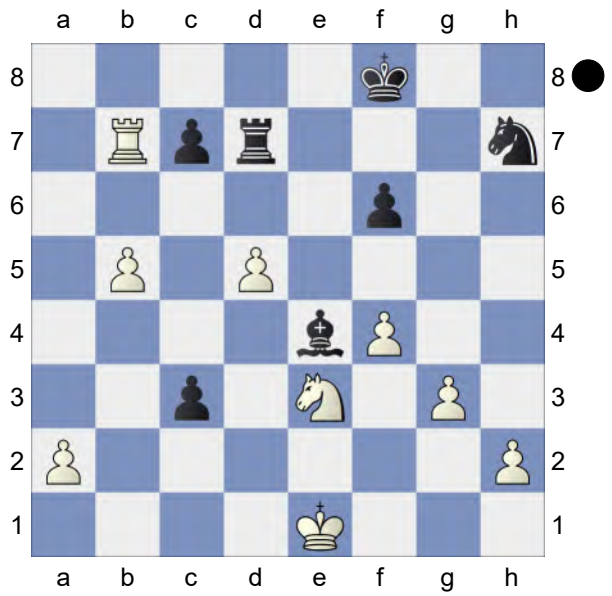
Bg8 24.Re3 Ne4
[24...Nxb5 25.Rf3 Kf7 *(25...Nxd4? 26.Rxf6++-; 25...Qxd4 26.Qh6±)* 26.Nf5]
[24...Nxa2 25.Rfe1 Qg5 *(25...Qxd4 26.Nf5+-* Decoy *)* 26.f4 *(26.Rg3 Rh7=)* 26...Qxf4 27.Rf3 Qxd4+ 28.Kh1±]
[24...Qxd4? 25.Nf5 *(25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Nf5+ Kf8+-)* 25...Rh7 26.Qxh7 *(26.Nxd4 Rxh8 27.Rxc3 Rd8∓)* 26...Bxh7 27.Nxd4+-]
25.Qh6 Qg5 Prevents Ng6+.
[25...Qxd4? 26.Nf5 Qd7 27.Nxg7 *(27.Qxg7+ Qxg7 28.Nxg7 Nc5+-)* 27...Qxg7 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Rxe4+-]
26.Qxg5 Nxg5 27.f4 Nh7 28.Rfe1 Rg4 29.g3 Bf7 -1.48/21
[29...Rg7-+ -2.51/23 Strongly threatening ...Rd7. 30.Nf5 Rd7]
30.Kf2 -1.85/23
[30.Nf5∓ -1.48/21]
30...Re8 31.Ra3 -2.21/19
[31.h3∓ -1.58/23 was called for. Rg8 32.Nf5]
31...Rxe1 32.Kxe1 Bd5 33.Nf5 Be4 34.Ne3 Rg7 35.Rxa7 Rd7 36.d5 c3
[36...Bxd5 37.Nxd5 Rxd5 38.Rxb7]
37.Rxb7

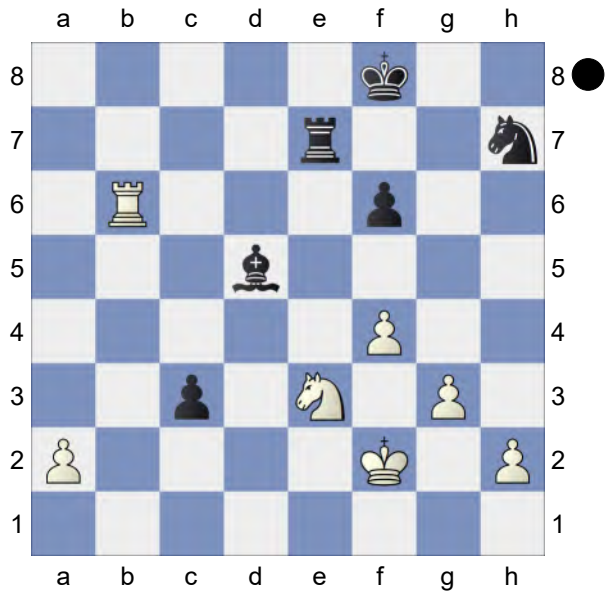
(Diagram)

Re7! Threatens to win with ...Bd3!
[37...Bxd5 38.Nxd5 Rxd5 39.Rxc7 Rxb5 40.Kd1=]
38.b6 cxb6
[38...Bxd5 39.Rb8+ Kf7 40.Kf2∓]
39.Rxb6 Bxd5 40.Kf2

(Diagram)

Rc7! 41.Rb1



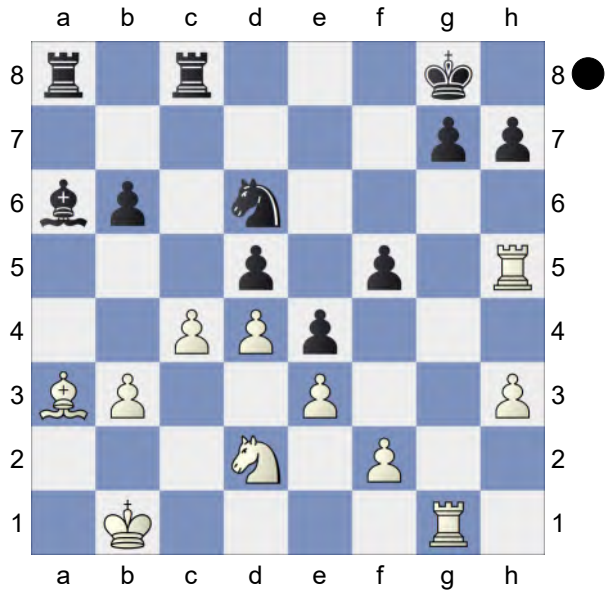


[41.Nxd5 c2]
41...Be4 Black is clearly winning.
[Don't do 41...Bxa2 42.Rc1-+]
42.Rc1 f5 43.h3 Nf6 44.g4 Nd5 45.Nxd5 Bxd5 Endgame. KRB-KR
46.Ke3 Be4 47.gxf5 Bxf5 48.a4 c2 49.a5 Ra7 50.Kd2 Rxa5
[Weaker is 50...Bxh3 51.Rxc2 Rxa5 52.f5∓]
51.Rg1 Rd5+ 52.Kc1 Rb5 White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value:

White=0.50/Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

D05
□ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
■ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
ch-USA w 2024 (6.5) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D05: Colle System with ...e6 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3**
[3.g3 c5 4.c4 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qxd4 8.Bxc6+ Bd7 9.Be3 Bxc6 10.Qxc6+ bxc6 11.Bxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nf6 13.Kg2 c5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.Kf3 Ke7 17.a3 Ba5 0-1 Wiacek,K (2526)-2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 (2657) CSSR 13/249 1972 (1)]
3...Nf6 4.Bd3 Bd6N
[4...c5 5.c3 *(5.b3 b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.f4 cxd4 11.exd4 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5* 10) Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined-Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined Odds 1… e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 5...b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Be7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Bg5 Rfe8 13.dxc5 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nxc5 16.Qc4 e5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Rd5 e4 19.Ne5 10) Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined-Millar, B 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 b6 7.Nbd2 Bb7 8.Ne5 Ne4 9.Bxe4 -0.50/19
[9.0-0= 0.08/19]
9...dxe4∓ 10.Qg4 -0.90/20
[10.Qe2∓ -0.53/19 was preferrable.]
10...Qe7 -0.42/21
[Better is 10...a5∓ -0.90/20]
11.Nec4
[11.Nxe4? f5 *(11...Bxe5? 12.Nd2-+)* 12.Qe2 fxe4-+]
11...f5 12.Qe2 Nd7 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.h3 Nf6 -0.41/21
[14...Rac8∓ -0.80/20 15.c4 Rf6]
15.c4 Qf7 16.0-0-0 -0.96/24
[16.0-0∓ -0.34/19]
16...a5∓ 17.g4 -1.45/18
[⊼17.a4 -1.07/19]
17...d5 -1.02/21
[⊼17...a4 -1.45/18 18.g5 Nh5]
18.gxf5 -1.63/20
[18.g5∓ -1.02/21 Nd7 19.Ba3]
18...exf5-+ Strongly threatening ...a4.
19.Kb1 -2.46/21
[19.a4 -1.63/19 might work better.]
19...a4 20.Rhg1 Rfc8 And now ...axb3 would win. **21.Rg5?** -3.25/17
[21.Rc1 -1.74/18 is the only way for White.]
21...axb3 22.axb3 Ba6 23.Rdg1 Threatens to win with Rxg7+. **23...Ne8**
[23...dxc4 24.Rxg7+ *(24.Rxf5? cxb3 25.Rb5 Qc7-+)* 24...Qxg7 25.Rxg7+ Kxg7 26.bxc4±]
24.Qh5 Qxh5
[24...dxc4 25.Qxf7+ *(25.Rxf5? Qxh5 26.Rxh5 cxb3-+)* 25...Kxf7 26.Rxf5+ Nf6 27.bxc4± *(27.Nxe4? c3∓)*]
[24...g6 25.Rxf5 Qa7 26.Rf4 *(26.cxd5? Bd3#; 26.Rxd5 Bxc4 27.bxc4 Qa2+ 28.Kc2 Rxc4+ 29.Nxc4 Qxc4+ 30.Kd2 Qd3+ 31.Kc1 Qc4+ 32.Kd2 Qd3+ 33.Kc1 Qc4+ 34.Kd2=)* 26...Bxc4 27.bxc4=]
25.Rxh5 Nd6 -0.66/20
[Black should try 25...g6-+ -2.07/23 26.Rxf5 dxc4 27.bxc4 Nd6]
26.Ba3 -1.96/22
[26.cxd5? Bd3#]
[26.Rhg5!∓ -0.66/20 g6 27.Rxg6+ hxg6 28.Rxg6+ Kh7 29.Rxd6 dxc4 30.bxc4]



26...Bxc4! 0.00/27 **27.Nxc4=** The position is equal.

[27.Bxd6 is a self mate. Bd3+ 28.Kb2 Rc2+ 29.Kb1 Rxd2+ 30.Kc1 Rc2+ *(30...Rxf2* leads to mate. *31.Rxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 32.Rg5+ Kh6 33.Bf8+ Kxg5 34.Ba3 Rxa3 35.h4+ Kg4 36.Kd1 Ra1#)* 31.Kb1 Rxf2+ 32.Kc1 Ra1#]

27...Nxc4 28.Bb4↑ White is pushing. **28...Na5**

[28...Na3+ 29.Bxa3 Rxa3 30.Kb2∓]

29.Bxa5 bxa5 30.Rxf5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **30...Rab8 31.Rxd5 Rxb3+ 32.Ka2 a4 33.Rc5 Rxc5 34.dxc5** KR-KR **34...Rc3** Against Rc1 **35.Rg5 Kf7 36.Kb2 Rc4 37.Rg4 h5 38.Rg5 g6 39.h4 Kf6 40.Rd5 Kf7 41.Rg5 Kf6 42.Rd5 Kf7 43.Rg5 Kf6** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

½-½

D00

□ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim 2374**
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia 2302**
ch-USA w 2024 (6.6) 17.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c6 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.h4 h5 8.g5** The position is equal. **8...Ng8 9.Bd3** -0.28/23

[⌓9.Qd2 0.18/21]

9...Bxd3 0.22/22

[Black should try 9...Bd6! -0.28/23]

10.Qxd3= Bd6 11.g6 gxf7+ is the strong threat. **11...f6** 0.30/25

[11...Bxf4 -0.14/24 was preferrable. 12.gxf7+ Kxf7 13.exf4 Nd7]

12.Nge2 Ne7 13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.e4 Nd7 16.f4↑ Black is under pressure. **16...f5 17.e5 Qc7 18.Rhg1 0-0-0 19.Na4 Rh6 20.Qa3 Nxg6** 1.08/24

[20...Nf8!⩲ 0.54/23]

21.Rd3 Qa5 22.b4 0.67/21

[22.Rdg3± 1.12/22]

22...Qa6!⩲ 23.Qb3 0.22/21

[23.Kd2⩲ 0.67/23 deserves consideration.]

23...Rg8 0.95/21

[23...Nxh4= 0.22/21 24.Rxg7 Ng6]

24.Nc5 0.34/19

[24.Kd2!± 0.95/21]

24...Nxc5 25.dxc5 With the idea Kd2.

25...Ne7 1.52/21

[25...Nxh4= 0.18/21 26.Nd4 Rg6 27.Rxg6 Remove Defender Nxg6 28.Nxe6 h4 *(28...Kd7? 29.c4+-)*]

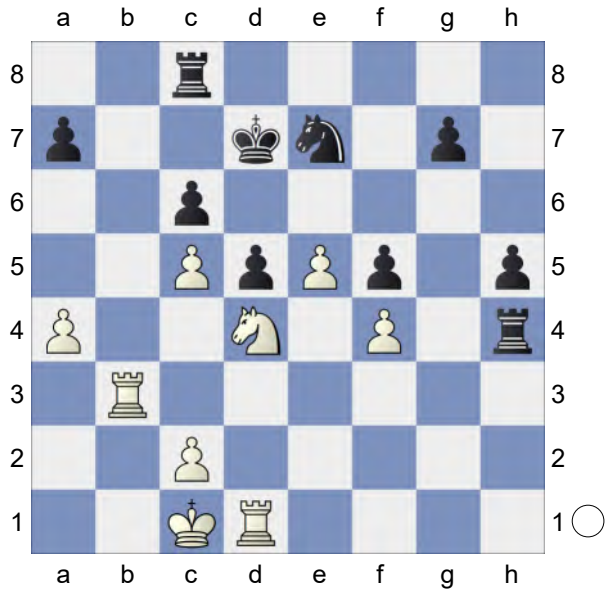
26.Nd4⩲ Qc4 27.a4 -0.32/24

[Better is 27.Qa3⩲ 0.70/19 Kb8 28.Kb2]

27...Rg6∓ 28.Rgd1 Qxb3

[28...Kd7 with more complications. 29.Qb2 Rc8 30.Rc3 Qa6]

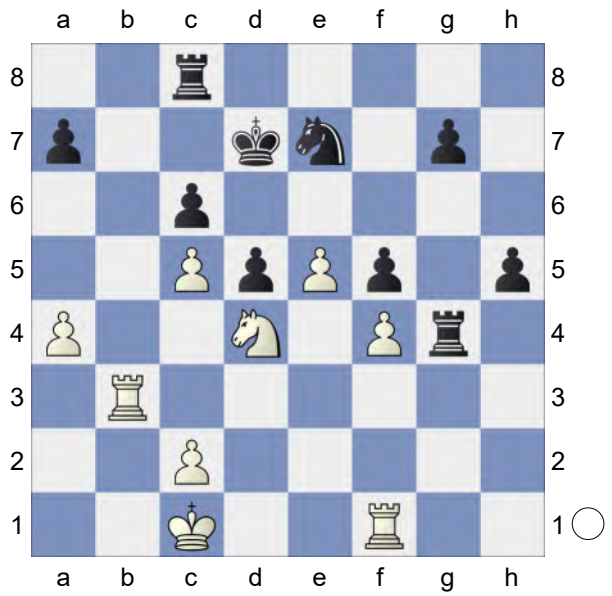
29.Rxb3 Rg4 30.Nxe6 Rxh4 White must now prevent ...Kd7. **31.b5 Kd7 32.Nd4** And now bxc6+ would win.
32...Rc8 0.78/20
[32...Rxf4= 0.00/23 keeps the balance. 33.bxc6+ Nxc6 34.e6+ Kc8]
33.bxc6+± bxc6



34.Rf1 0.57/20 White has more active pieces.
[34.a5!± 1.16/21]
34...Rg4 1.46/20
[34...a5± 0.57/20]

(Diagram)

35.a5! Threatens to win with a6. White has strong compensation.
[35.Rb7+?! Rc7 36.Rb8 Rc8 37.Rb7+ Rc7=]
35...Kc7? 4.33/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[35...a6± 1.43/20 is a better defense.]
36.a6+- Rb8 37.Rff3 Strongly threatening Rxb8. **37...h4**
[37...Rxb3? 38.Rxb3 Kc8



(38...Rg1+? 39.Kb2+-) 39.Rb7 Rxf4 40.Ne6+- *(40.Rxe7 Rxd4 41.Rxa7 Kb8+-)*]
38.Ne6+ Kc8? 13.21/25
[38...Kd7 3.51/22 39.Rxb8 Kxe6]
39.Rxb8+ Kxb8 Endgame. KRN-KRN
40.Rb3+ Kc8 41.Rb7 White wants to mate with Rc7+. **41...h3 42.Rc7+** White mates.
[42.Rxe7 h2=]
42...Kb8 43.Rxe7 Kc8 44.Rc7+
[44.Nxg7 h2 45.Re8+ *(45.Rxa7? h1Q+ 46.Kb2 Rg1-+)* 45...Kc7+-]
44...Kb8 45.Rd7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.51
[Not 45.Rxc6 h2 46.Rd6 h1Q+± *(46...h1R+ 47.Kb2)*]
1-0

C88
□ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
■ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim** **2374**
ch-USA w 2024 (7.1) 18.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6**

4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1

[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 Be6 *(10...c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7 Qd8 25.Nf3* 1-0 Karlusic,L (2352)-2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 g5 4.e3,7 (2069) Teusaquillo Rapid op 2023 (1)*)* 11.b4 Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Qb1 d5 16.Bg5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qd6 18.Qb3 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2804)-Aronian,L (2802) FIDE World Cup Tbilisi 2017 (6.8)]

6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N

[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]

8.h3 Bb7 9.d3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.a4 b4 White has an edge. **12.Nbd2 a5** 0.61/19

[12...Nf4= 0.20/19]

13.Nxe5± Nxe5 14.Rxe5 Threatens to win with Qf3. **14...Nf4** 0.97/24

[14...Bf6± 0.57/22 15.Re1 Re8]

15.Nf3 0.57/19

[15.Qg4± 0.97/24 Nxg2 16.Ne4]

15...Nxg2 1.97/22 **16.Kxg2+- Ra6**

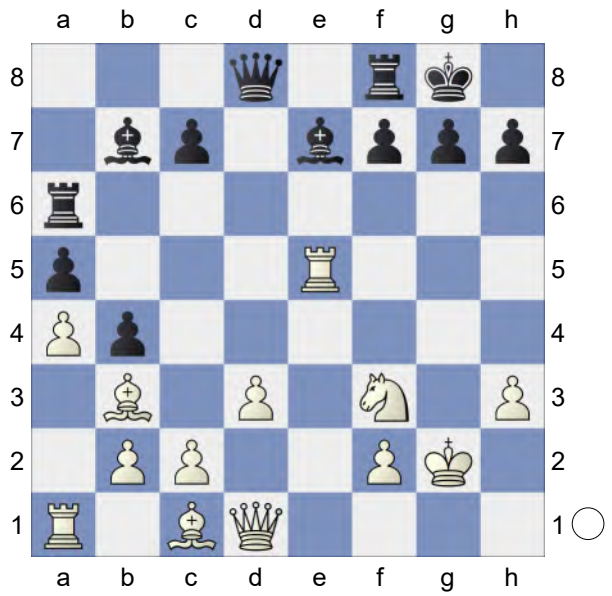
(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...Rf6. **17.Kf1** And now Be3 would win. **17...Qd7** 2.91/21

[17...Rf6 1.76/20 was called for. 18.Ng5 Qd4]

18.Ng1 Rg6 19.Qh5

[19.Rxa5 Rxg1+ *(19...Bg2+?*



20.Ke1+-) 20.Kxg1 Qxh3=]

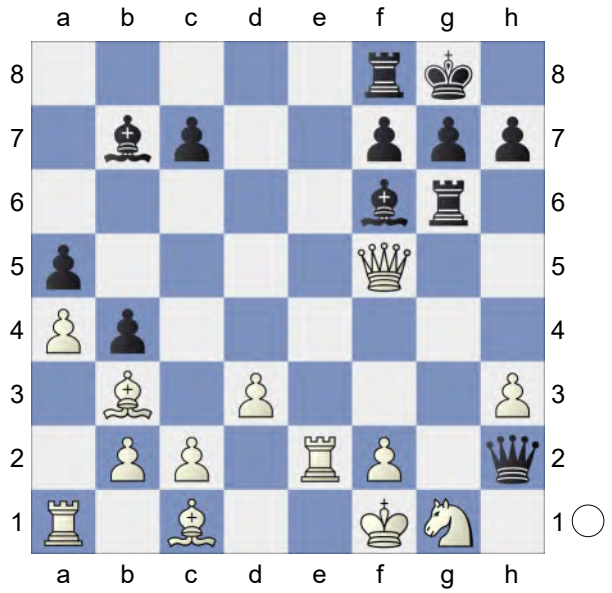
19...Bf6 20.Qf5 1.75/18

[⌓20.Rd5 2.93/19 Re8 21.Qxg6 *(21.Rxd7? Bg2#; 21.Qxh7+? Kxh7 22.Rh5+ Kg8-+)* 21...Bxd5 22.Qg4]

20...Qd6 21.Re2? -4.18/22

[21.Bf4± 1.50/19 and life is bright.]

21...Qh2-+



22.Bxf7+ Kh8!

[22...Rxf7 23.Re8+ Rf8 24.Qe6+ Kh8 25.Rxf8#]

23.Re8 -15.06/20

[23.Bxg6? Qg2+ 24.Ke1 Qxg1+

(24...Qxg6? 25.Qxg6 hxg6 26.Rb1+-) 25.Kd2 hxg6-+ *(25...Bg5+? 26.f4+-)*]

[⌓23.Re6 -4.18/20 Rxg1+ 24.Ke2]

23...Rxg1+ 24.Ke2 Rxe8+ 25.Bxe8 Qg2 (→ ...Qf1+) **26.Bh5 Qf1+ 27.Ke3 Rg5** -10.35/17

[⌓27...Rg3+ -#11/17 28.fxg3 Qxf5 29.Bg4 Qf1 30.h4 Qe1+ 31.Be2 Qxg3+ 32.Kd2 Qf2 *(32...Bxh4* is a self mate. *33.c4 Qe1+* Deflection *34.Kc2 Qxe2+ 35.Bd2 Bg5 36.Rd1 b3+* Decoy *37.Kxb3 Qxd1+ 38.Ka3 Bxd2 39.Ka2 Qc2 40.Ka3 Bc1 41.d4 Qxb2#)* 33.Kd1 Bf3 *(33...Bxh4* gets mated. *34.c4 b3 35.Kd2 Qe1+ 36.Ke3 Qg1+ 37.Kd2 Be1+ 38.Kd1 Bc3+ 39.Bf1 Qxf1#)* 34.Bxf3 Bxh4 *(34...Qxf3+ 35.Kd2)* 35.c3 b3 *(35...Qxf3+? 36.Kc2-+)* 36.Bd2 Qf1+ Skewer, Double Attack 37.Be1 Qxe1#]

28.Bd2 Qxa1 29.Qd7 Re5+

[Stronger than 29...Rxh5 30.Qe8#]

30.Kf4 g5+ Weighted Error Value: White=1.34/Black=0.60

0-1

E29

□ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia 2302**

■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev 2327**

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[Kitty Kat]

E29: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...0-0 6 e3 c5 7 Bd3 Nc6 PARTIDA N 195 DEFESA NIMZOINDIA Defensa Nimzoindia.- PARTIDA N 195 DEFESA NIMZOINDIA **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.a3**

[5.f3 c5 6.d5 0-0 7.e4 d6 8.Nge2 b5 9.Ng3 exd5 10.cxd5 a6 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 c4 13.Be3 Re8 14.Kh1 Bc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3 b4 18.Nb5 Qb6 19.Nd4 Bd7 1-0 Milov,V (2570)-De Firmian,N (2605) 64/479 Biel 1995]

[5.Bd2 Bb7 6.Nf3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4 8.Bb4 a5 9.Ba3 d6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 f5 12.d5 exd5 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.Ne6 Qd7 15.cxd5 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Nf6 17.Rfc1 Nxd5 18.Qxf5 Ke7 19.Nxg7 Rag8 1-0 Suleymenov,A (2506)-Sanal,V (2558) Reykjavik op 2024 (7)]

5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0N

[6...Bb7 7.f3 *(7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 Ne4 9.0-0 f5 10.Qc2 d6 11.Nd2 Nf6 12.d5 exd5 13.Bxf5 dxc4 14.Be6+ Kh8 15.Bxc4 Nbd7 16.Nb3 Ne5 17.Be2 Qd7 18.Nd4 Rae8 19.f3 Nd5 20.c4 Nf6 21.e4 Qf7* 1-0 Shapiro,M-Woodworth,R USA jub20 corr 1990*)* 7...Nc6 8.e4 d6 9.Bd3 Na5 10.Ne2 Qd7 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Ng3 Bxc4 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 14.Qe2 Qc6 15.Bg5 h5 16.Bh4 0-0-0 17.f4 Rdg8 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Nxh5 f5 20.Ng3 fxe4 21.Nxe4 0-1 Gligoric,S-Keres,P Zurich ct 1953 (28) Rh3 22.Ng3 Rh6 23.Rf3 Rgh8 24.h3 f5 25.Nf1 Rg8 26.Rg3 Rxg3 27.Nxg3 a5 28.a4 Rg6 29.Kh2 Kb7 30.Ra2 d5 31.Qh5 Qe8 32.Re2 Nd6 33.Re5 Qf7 34.Qf3 Qd7 35.Qh5 Qf7 36.Qf3 0-1 Gligoric,S-Keres,P Candidates Tournament_324292 Zürich 1953 (28)]

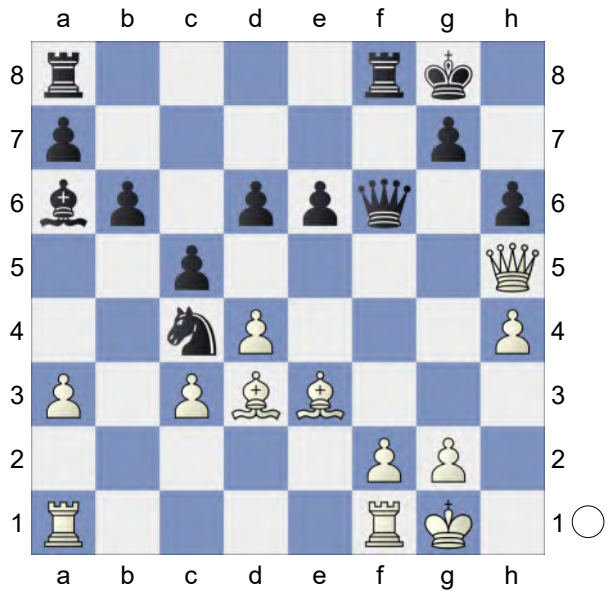
7.Bd3 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.e4 Ne8 10.0-0 Ba6 11.Be3 d6 12.Ng3 Na5 13.Qe2 Qd7 14.e5 0.04/20

[14.Rad1± 0.46/22]

14...f5 0.40/20

[14...Rc8= 0.04/20 deserves consideration.]

15.exf6± White is slightly better.
15...Nxf6 16.Nh5 Qf7
[16...h6 simplifies 17.Nxf6+ Rxf6 18.dxc5 bxc5 19.f4 Raf8]
17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Qh5 -0.01/19
[18.f4± 0.39/21]
18...h6= 19.h4! Nxc4 0.88/20
[19...cxd4= 0.03/21 20.Bg5 *(20.Bxd4? e5-+)* 20...Qf7 *(20...hxg5 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bg6+ Kg8 23.Qh7#)*]



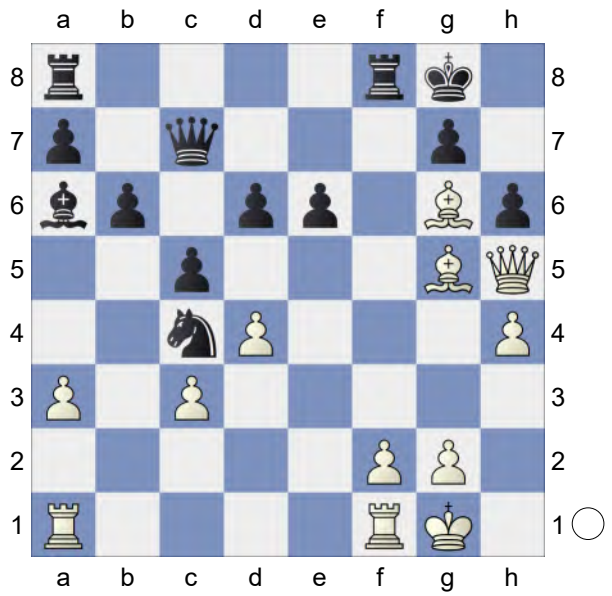
20.Bg5!± Qf7
[20...hxg5 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Bg6+ Kg8 23.Qh7#]
21.Bg6 White has strong compensation. Really sharp! A strong pair of Bishops.
21...Qc7

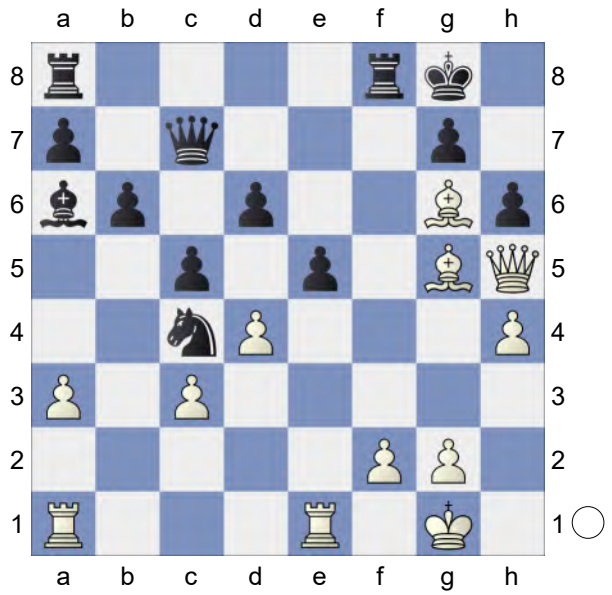
(Diagram)

22.Rfe1! e5

(Diagram)

23.Re4 0.00/23 **Bc8!=** **24.d5⇄** White has counterplay
[24.Bxh6 gxh6 25.Rd1 *(25.Qxh6? Qg7-+)* 25...cxd4 *(25...Nxa3? 26.dxe5 d5 27.Rxd5+-)*]

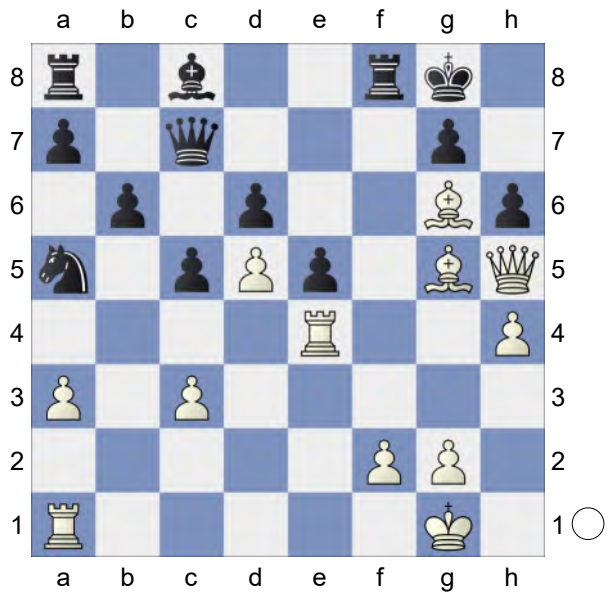




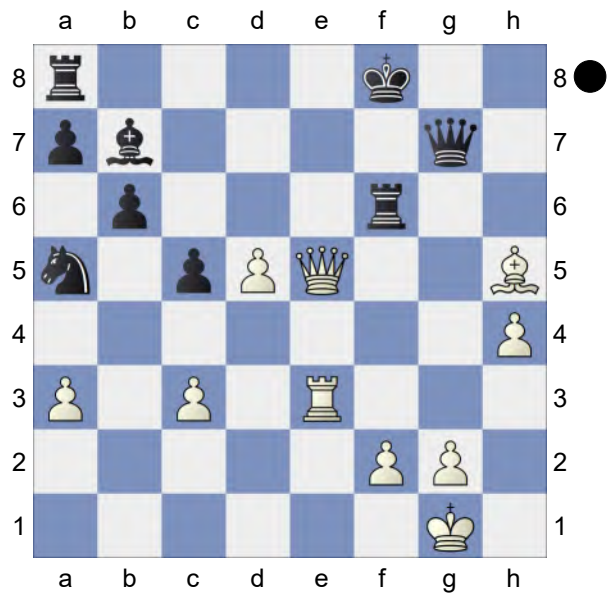
24...Na5 0.75/21
[24...Bf5!= -0.04/21 25.Rxc4 Bxg6 26.Qxg6 hxg5]

(Diagram)

25.Bxh6 0.00/28 White is more active.
25...gxh6 26.Re3!
[26.Qxh6? Qg7 27.Qg5 *(27.Qh5? Rf6-+)* 27...Rf6-+]



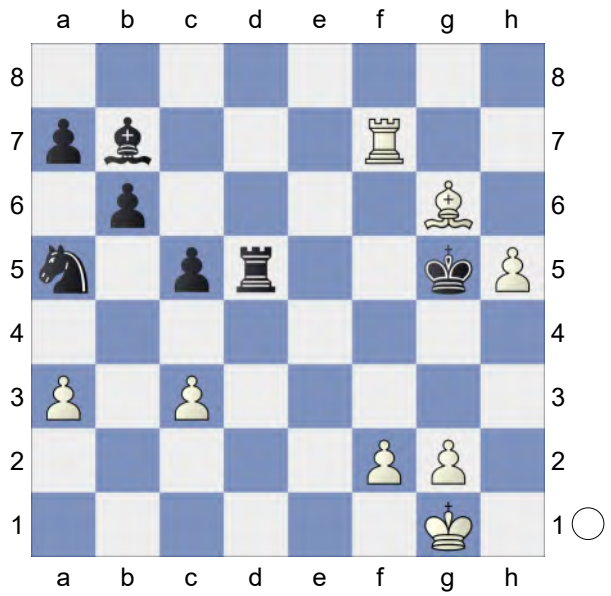
26...Rf6 0.64/28
[26...Rf4= 0.00/28 27.Rg3 Qg7 28.Bh7+ Kxh7 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7]
27.Rg3!± Intending Bf7+ and mate.
[27.Qxh6? Qg7 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7-+]
27...Kf8
[27...Qg7? 28.Bd3 Bd7 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Re1+-]
28.Qxh6+ -0.04/21
[28.Re1!± 0.73/22 And now Ree3! would win. Bb7 *(28...Qg7 29.Ree3=)* 29.Ree3 *(29.Qxh6+ Qg7∓; 29.f4 Nc4∓)*]
28...Qg7= 29.Qh5 -0.96/21
[29.Qg5= -0.14/22]
29...Bb7!∓ 30.Re1 -0.79/24
[30.f4!= -0.29/20 Bxd5 31.Rg5 *(31.fxe5 dxe5 32.Rg5 Rb8∓)*]
30...Ke7 0.00/22
[30...Bxd5? 31.Be4 Qb7 *(31...Bf7? 32.Qd1+-)* 32.Rf3+-]
[Black should try 30...Rd8!∓ -0.79/24 31.Qg5 Qxg6 *(31...Bxd5? 32.h5-+)* 32.Qxg6 Rxg6 33.Rxg6 Kf7 *(33...Bxd5 34.Rd1∓)*]
31.Be8? -3.76/22 **Qh6-+ 32.Rxe5+ dxe5 33.Qxe5+ Kf8 34.Re3 Qg7** Dodges Qe7+
[34...Qxh4 35.Qe7+ Kg8 36.Rg3++-]
35.Bh5



Threatening mate with Qe8+! **35...Rg6!** -0.04/22 **36.Bxg6= Qxe5**
[36...Qxg6? 37.Rf3+ *(37.h5 Qh6+-)* 37...Kg8 38.Rg3+-]
37.Rxe5 Rd8 next ...Nc4! is good for Black. **38.h5** -0.50/22
[38.Be4!= -0.13/21 might be stronger.]
38...Rxd5 0.78/23
[38...Bxd5∓ -0.50/22 stays ahead. 39.h6 Nc4]
39.Re8+± Kg7 40.Re7+ Kf6 41.Rf7+ Kg5 1.50/23
[41...Ke6!± 0.55/24]

(Diagram)

42.Kh2!
[42.f4+ Kg4 43.Kh2 *(43.h6 Rd2=)* 43...Rd2 44.Bf5+ Kxf4 *(44...Kh4? 45.Rg7+-)* 45.Bc8+ Kg5 46.Bxb7 Kxh5=]
42...Bc6? 3.51/24
[42...Rd6± 1.29/18 might work



better.]

43.Kh3 1.63/19

[Inferior is 43.Rxa7 Bb7=]

[⌓43.f4+ 3.51/24 Kh4 44.Rg7]

43...Rd7+- 44.f4+ 0.99/5

[44.Rf5++- 1.67/23 Kh6 45.g4]

44...Kh6± 45.g4 0.12/20

[White should play 45.Rf8± 0.81/24]

45...Rxf7= 46.Bxf7 Black must now prevent g5+. **46...Nb7?** 3.42/23

[46...Bd7!= 0.13/21 and Black is okay.]

47.g5++- Kg7 48.Be6 f5 would now be deadly. **48...Nd8 49.h6+ Kh8 50.Bg4** 0.05/24

[White has to play 50.Bf5+- 3.39/22]

50...Be4= 51.f5 aiming for g6. **51...Nf7 52.Kg3** Strongly threatening Kf4. **52...b5?** 6.94/27

[52...Nxg5= 0.01/21 53.Kf4 Bxf5 54.Bxf5 *(54.Kxf5 Nf7=)* 54...Nf7]

53.Kf4+- Bd5 54.Be2 a6 55.f6 Kg8 56.Bd3 h7+ would kill now. **56...Bb3 57.h7+ Kh8 58.g6** Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.72

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B30

□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**

■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**

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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

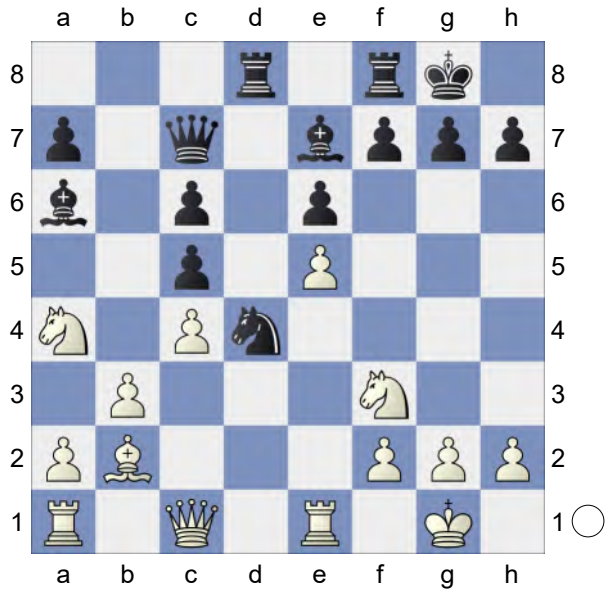
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.Bxc6N

[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.b3 Qc7 0.63/25

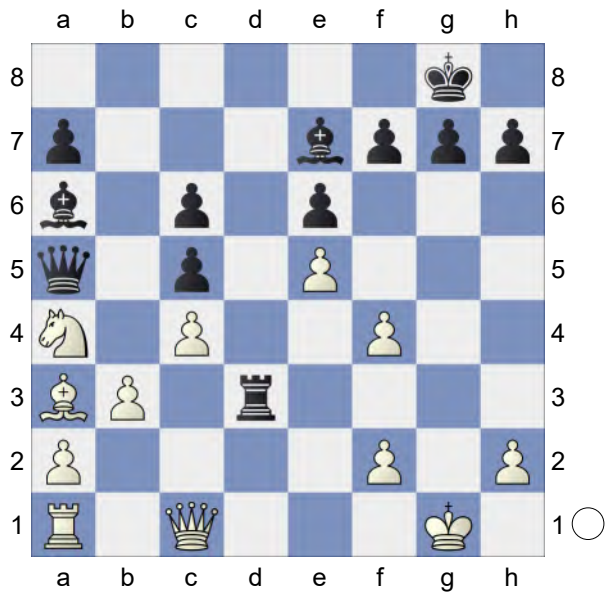
[5...f6= 0.24/21]
6.Bb2± **d6** **7.e5** **d5** **8.0-0** White is slightly better. **8...Ne7** **9.Re1** **Nf5** **10.d3** **Be7** **11.c4** **Ba6** **12.Nc3** **Rd8!** And now ...dxc4 would win. **13.Qc1** **0-0** **14.Na4** **dxc4** 1.12/19
[⌓14...Nd4 0.76/19]
15.dxc4± **Nd4**



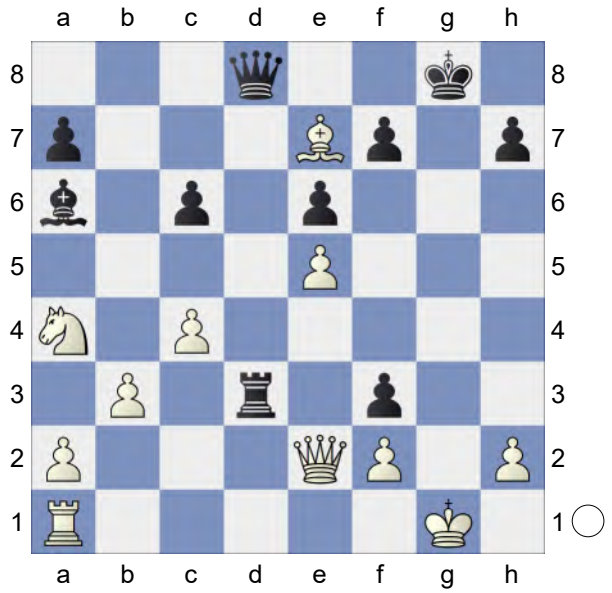
16.Re4 0.51/24
[White should play 16.Qc3!± 1.47/19]
16...Nxf3+ **17.gxf3** **Rd3** Inhibits Qe3. **18.f4**
[18.Rg4 is interesting. Rfd8 19.Qh6 g6 20.Rg3]
18...Rfd8 **19.Re3** **R8d7** **20.Rxd3** **Rxd3** **21.Ba3** **Qa5** 2.01/20
[21...f6± 0.70/20]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **22.Qe1!+-** **Qd8** **23.Bxc5** **g5** 2.90/20
[23...h6 1.71/20 keeps fighting. 24.Qe2 *(24.Bxa7 c5=)* 24...Bxc5 25.Nxc5 Rd2]
24.Qe2 Hoping for Bxe7.
[24.Bxa7 gxf4 25.Bb6 Qf8±]



24...gxf4? 5.89/21
[24...Bf8 2.72/17 is tougher. 25.f5 *(25.Bxa7 c5+-)* 25...Rd2 *(25...exf5?* loses. *26.e6+-)*]
25.Bxe7 White is clearly winning.
[25.Bxa7 f3 26.Qf1 Rd5=]
25...f3



26.Qxf3 **Rxf3** **27.Bxd8** **Rd3** **28.Bf6** **Bc8** **29.Nc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

B12
□ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**
■ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation This game was played in the 2013 Reykjavik Open between Nils Grandelius (2566 FIDE) and Aryan Tari (2263 FIDE) . **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 Qb6 5.h5 h6**

[5...Na6 6.g4 Bd7 7.Nc3 e6 8.Na4 Qc7 9.Bxa6 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxa6 11.Nc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 Qb5 13.Qb3 h6 14.Be3 Ne7 15.Nf3 0-0 16.Qc2 b6 17.g5 Nf5 18.gxh6 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Qxc5 20.Nd4 1-0 Schaaik (2652)-Zimmermann,K (2595) Match Bogoljubow-Euwe +2-1=7 Netherlands 1928 (11.2)]

6.c3N

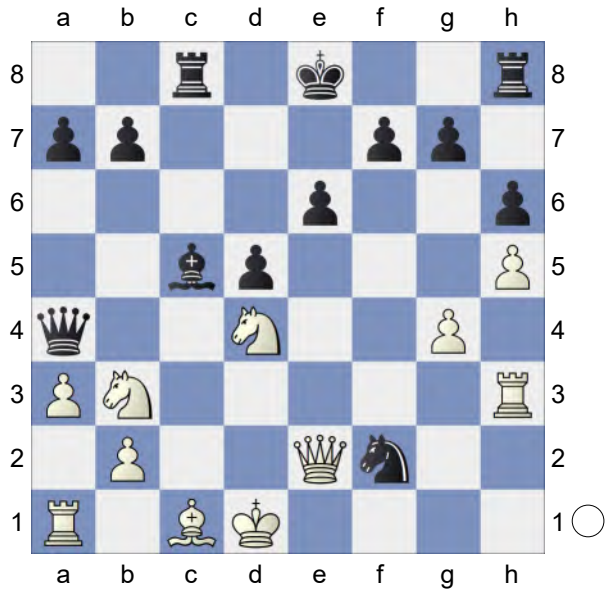
[6.g4 Bh7 7.e6 fxe6 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Bxh7 Rxh7 10.Qd3 Nbd7 *(10...c5 11.Qg6+ Kd8 12.dxc5 Qxc5 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.g5 Ng4 15.0-0* Quickstarter Guide Part Ca-3...Bf5,4 Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1. e*)* 11.Qg6+ Kd8 12.Nf3 Kc8 13.Nc3 c5 14.dxc5 Qxc5 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 d4 17.Ne2 Qd5 18.Rh3 e5 19.0-0-0 Qe4 20.Nfxd4 exd4 Caro Kann Annotated-Caro-Kann 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Rc3+ Kb8 23.Ne6 b5 24.Rc7 Nc6 25.Rb7+ Kc8 26.Qxe4 Nxe4 27.Rdd7 1-0 Winkler,T (2566)-Zamlutti Junior,R (2263) Leningrad Master Tournament 1930]

6...e6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 White is slightly better. **8...Qa6 9.Qe3 Nd7 10.Ne2 c5 11.Nd2 Ne7 12.a3 Nf5 13.Qf3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rc8**

[14...Bc5!? 15.Nb3 *(15.dxc5? Nxe5 16.Qc3 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Nf4-+)* 15...Bb6=]

15.g4 Nxd4 0.67/17 **16.Nxd4±** Strongly threatening Qe2. **16...Nxe5 17.Qe2 Nd3+ 18.Kd1 Bc5 19.Rh3! Qa4+! 20.N2b3 Nxf2+** 2.51/19

[Black should try 20...Bxd4± 0.61/22 21.Rxd3 Bf6]



A mistake that costs the game. **21.Qxf2+-** And now Qf4 would win. **21...e5** 3.53/19

[21...Bb6 2.37/19 keeps fighting. 22.Qd2 e5]

22.Qf5 0-0 23.Nc2

[23.Qxe5 Rce8 24.Qxd5 *(24.Qf4 Re4=)* 24...Bxd4±]

23...d4 24.g5

[Not 24.Qxe5 d3 25.Rxd3 *(25.Nxc5? Qxc2+ 26.Ke1 Rfe8-+* Pin *)* 25...Qxg4+ 26.Qe2 Qg1+ 27.Ne1 Rfe8=]

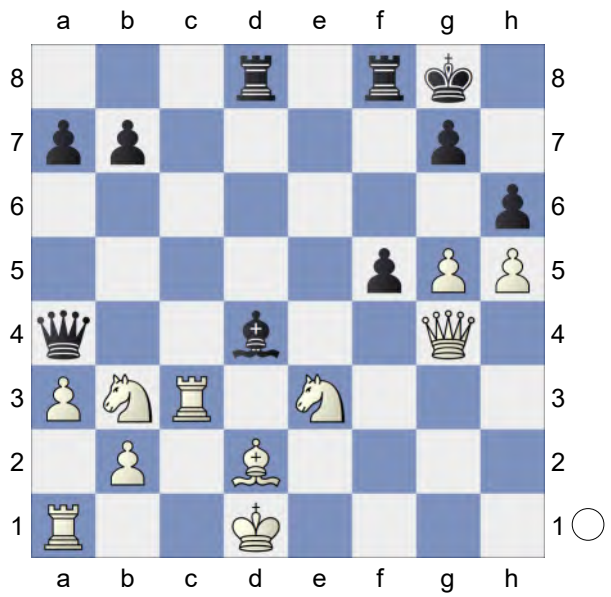
24...d3 25.Rxd3 e4 26.Rc3

[26.Nxc5 Rxc5 27.Qxc5 exd3=]

26...Rcd8+ 27.Bd2 e3 28.Nxe3 Bd4 29.Qg4 f5? 6.30/19

[29...b5 3.57/16 30.Kc2 Bxe3 31.Qxa4 bxa4 32.Bxe3 *(32.Rxe3*

axb3+ 33.Rxb3 hxg5+-) 32...axb3+ 33.Kxb3 hxg5 34.Bxg5 Rd5]



30.Nxf5 White is clearly winning. **30...Rxf5 31.Qxf5 Bxc3 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.bxc3 Re8 34.Qf7 hxg5 35.Kc2 Qe4+ 36.Kb2 Rd8 37.h6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.44

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B21

□ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**
■ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
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[Kitty Kat]

B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qd3 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6

[5...d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Nd7 10.c3 Nc5 11.Qc2 e6 12.Ne3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.b4 Nd7 15.a4 Qc7 16.Ba3 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Nf6 18.Rxd8+ Qxd8 19.Nc4 Qc7 20.b5 0-1 Kosteniuk,A (2480)-Gunina,V (2425) Swiss Queens Wed #39 FIDE Online Arena INT blitz 2024 (7)]

6.Bf4 Bb4N 0.26/22

[⚆6...a6 -0.15/20 7.Nf3 b5 8.e5 Qc7 9.Be2 Nb4 10.Qd2 Nfd5 3) Morra Gambit & Alapin-2.d4 cxd4 3. Qxd4]

7.0-0-0= 0-0 8.f3 The position is equal. **8...d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Nge2 Be6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.Ned4 Bc5 13.Kb1 a6 14.Nxc6** -0.64/19

[14.Be3!= 0.17/23 Nb4 *(14...axb5 15.Nxe6* Discovered Attack *fxe6 16.Bxc5±)* 15.Qb3 Nxc2 16.Nxc2 *(16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bd2 axb5∓)* 16...Bxe3 *(16...axb5 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.Nd4=)* 17.Qxe3 axb5 *(17...Rxc2? 18.Kxc2 axb5 19.Bxb5+-)* 18.Bxb5]

14...bxc6∓ 15.Nd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 c5 17.Qa4 d4 18.c4 Prevents Nd5 **18...Nh5 19.Bc1 Bf5+ 20.Ka1 Qd6** -0.24/21

[20...Qc7!∓ -0.67/26]

21.g4= Bd7 22.Qc2 Nf4 23.h4 Qh2 is the strong threat. **23...f5 24.Rg1 fxg4 25.fxg4 Rce8 26.h5** Against Qg6 **26...Bc6 27.Bd3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 Rf3 29.Qd2 Qe6** White is weak on the light squares **30.h6** -0.73/21

[30.Qg5= -0.27/21]

30...Qxc4 0.07/19

[30...Qxh6!∓ -0.73/21 31.Qa5 Qd6]

31.Qg5 Rf7⇄ Black is not holding back **32.Rge1** Black must now prevent Rxe8+. **32...Be4 33.b3 Qc2** 1.31/21

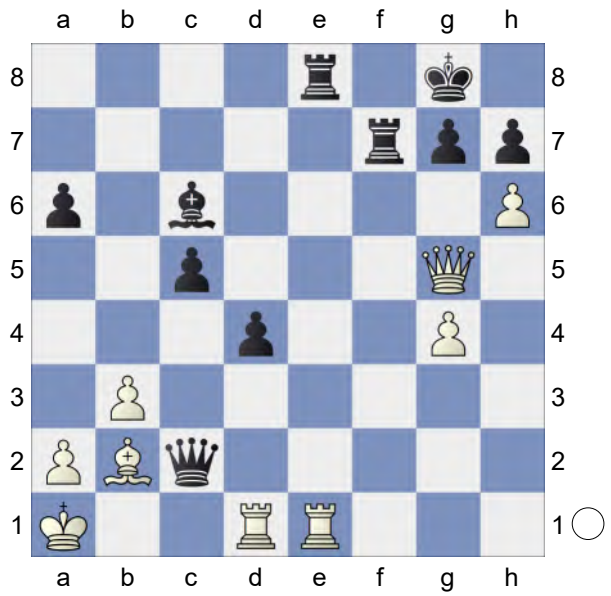
[33...Qb5!= 0.03/20 remains equal.]

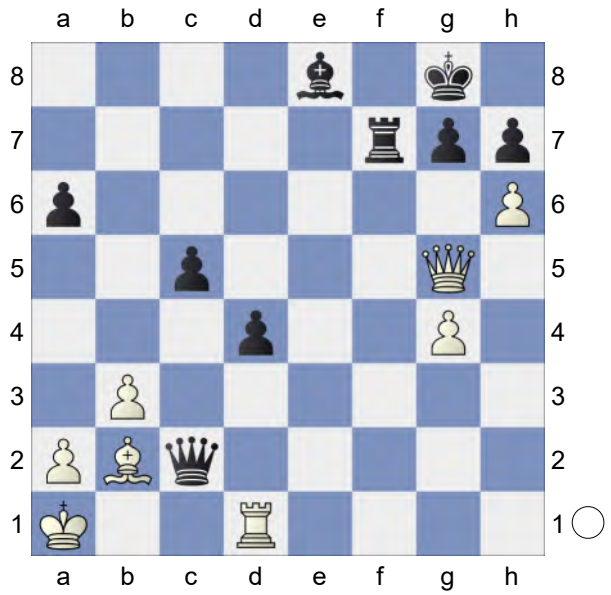
34.Bb2 Hoping for Rd2. The board is on fire. **34...Bc6**

(Diagram)

35.Rxe8+ Bxe8

(Diagram)





36.Re1
[36.Rc1?! Qh2=]
36...Bc6 37.Rc1 Skewer, Deflection
37...Qe2 3.74/18 This costs Black the game.
[37...Qe4± 1.20/18]
38.Qxc5+- d3? 102.59/18
[38...Be8 3.72/20 39.Qxd4 Qb5]
39.Qxc6 Intending Qa8+ and mate.
39...d2 40.Qa8+
[40.Bxg7? too greedy. dxc1Q+ *(40...dxc1R+? 41.Qxc1 Rf1 42.Qxf1-+)* 41.Qxc1 Rf1-+ Pin *(41...Qxg4 42.a4=; 41...Qxg4 42.a4=)*]
40...Rf8 41.Qd5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.37
1-0

A07
□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
■ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
ch-USA w 2024 (7.6) 18.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E17: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 Nd7 5.d4**
[5.d3 Ngf6 6.c4 e6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.e4 N5f6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qc2 c5 12.Rfd1 Nh5 13.Be3 e5 14.a4 a6 15.Qb3 Nhf6 16.Bh3 Bd6 17.Nh4 Nb8 18.Nf5 g6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 1-0 Jones,G (2640)-Wadsworth, M (2456) 110th ch-GBR 2024 Hull ENG (4.2)]
5...e6 6.b3 Ngf6 7.Bb2 Be7N
[7...Bd6 8.c4 0-0 9.Ne5 Qe7 10.Nd2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Ndf3 Rfe8 13.e3 Rac8 14.Rc1 Ne4 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Nd2 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 c4 18.e4 c3 19.Rxc3 Bb4 20.e5 Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Rc7 22.Bb4 0-1 Toews,M (2195)-Shemagonov,V (2356) 50/207 Groningen 1990 (1) Rec8 23.Qf4 Rc2 24.a3 a5 25.Bd6 Qe6 26.h4 Ba6 27.Re1 Bd3 28.Kh2 Re8 29.Re3 Bf5 30.b4 a4 31.b5 h6 32.Qf3 Be4 33.Rxe4 dxe4 34.Qxe4 Rxf2 35.d5 Qg6 36.Qe3 Qc2 37.Kh3 0-1 Jimenez,J (2195)-Rosen,E (2356) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]
8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c4 Ne4 10.Rc1 f5

11.e3 Bf6 12.Qc2 White is slightly better. **12...c5 13.Rfd1 Rc8 14.Nb1** -0.27/20

[14.Ne5⩲ 0.35/19]

14...Qe8 15.Qe2 dxc4 16.bxc4 cxd4 17.exd4 Qh5 18.Re1 Rfe8 19.Qe3 Ng5 20.Nxg5 Bxg5 21.f4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Bf6 23.Nd2 Nb8

[23...g5 looks sharper. 24.Ba3 h6 25.Bd6 gxf4 26.gxf4 Bh8]

24.Nf3 Qf7 25.Rc2 -0.21/19

[White should play 25.h3!⩲ 0.51/21]

25...Qb7 0.36/20

[25...Nc6= -0.21/19]

26.Kf2 -0.12/19

[26.Qd3⩲ 0.36/20]

26...b5 0.30/22

[⊿26...Nc6 -0.12/19]

27.Qb3= Qd7 28.c5 Na6 0.65/21

[28...Nc6= 0.27/24]

29.Qa3 0.16/23 White is more active.

[29.Ne5⩲ 0.65/21 Bxe5 30.Rxe5]

29...Nc7 30.c6 Qe7 31.Qxa7 -0.30/21

[White should try 31.Qa5 0.22/22]

31...Ra8 32.Qc5 Qxc5 0.14/20

[32...Rxa2∓ -0.35/24 is more appropriate. 33.Ree2 Rc8]

33.dxc5

[Don't play 33.Rxc5 Rxa2 34.Re2 Rea8∓]

33...Rxa2 34.Ree2 Nd5 0.89/23

[34...Ra6= 0.19/21]

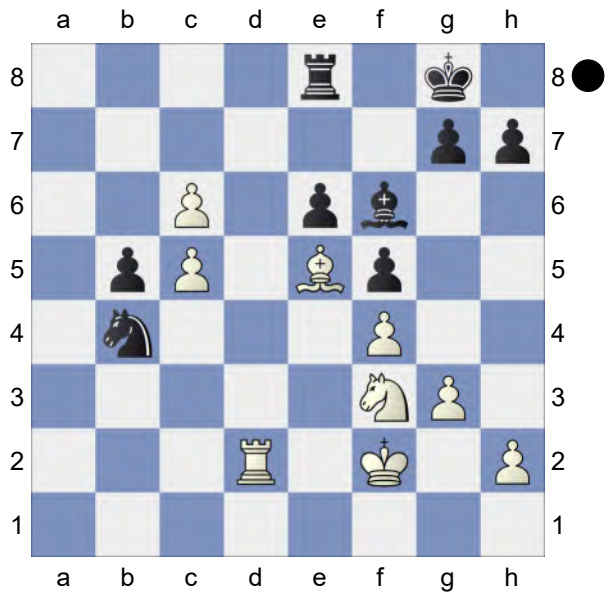
35.Be5 0.00/30

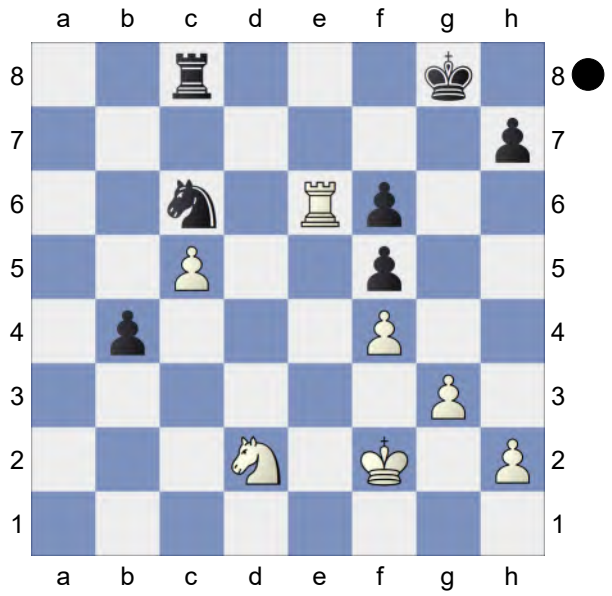
[35.Bxf6± 0.89/23 Rxc2 36.Rxc2 gxf6 37.Nd4]

35...Rxc2 The position is equal. **36.Rxc2 Nb4 37.Rd2**

(Diagram)

Hoping for Rd6. **37...Nxc6 38.Bxf6 gxf6** Endgame. KRN-KRN **39.Rd6 Rc8 40.Rxe6 b4 41.Nd2**





Strongly threatening Nb3! **41...Kf7 42.Rd6** Nb3 is the strong threat. **42...Ne7 43.Nb3** aiming for Ke3. **43...Ra8 44.Rd4 Ra2+ 45.Kg1 Nc6 46.Rd7+ Kg6 47.Rd6 Rb2 48.Rxc6 Rxb3** KR-KR **49.Rb6 Rc3 50.Rxb4 Rxc5 51.Rb2 Rc3 52.Kg2 Ra3 53.Re2 Rb3 54.Kf2 Ra3 55.Kg2 Rb3 56.Kf2 Ra3 57.Kg2 Rb3 58.Kf2 Ra3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

½-½

E73
□ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
■ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
ch-USA w 2024 (8.1) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Nf3 e5N**

[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 c5 *(8...h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nge5 12.Nd5* Bang,E-Lindemann,K corr WC39/ct/3 ICCF 2019 *)* 9.0-0 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Bxg4 Bxg4 12.Qxg4 Bxd4 13.Nd5 f6 14.Rad1 40) King's Indian: Be2-Be3 wi-7...e5 8.O-O Re8 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]

[7...c5 8.0-0 a6 9.h3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 e6 *(10...Nc5 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.Rac1 Qa5 13.Qb1 Na4 14.Nd1 Qd8 15.b3 Nc5 16.Nc3* Serper,G (2585)-Hegde,R (2360) Kolkata 64/(536) 1995 *)* 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Qd4 Bb7 15.Qe3 Rfd8 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.Bf1 Nfd7 19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Nc5 21.Rd4 Nc6 22.Rd2 ½-½ 4.Da4 --- (2585)-Jechov,J (2520) 92/(173) Moscow 2004]

8.0-0 Qe7 9.Re1 c6 10.d5 c5 1.04/19

[10...cxd5± 0.67/20 11.cxd5 Ng4]

11.Nd2 0.61/19 White is more active.

[White should try 11.Bg5± 1.04/19]

11...Kh8± 12.a3 Ng8 13.b4 f5 ...f4 would now be deadly. **14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 b6** 0.75/22

[15...Ngf6± 0.39/19]

16.bxc5 0.25/22

[16.Qa4± 0.75/22]

16...Nxc5= 17.a4 Bd7 0.67/21

[17...a5!= 0.18/20 should be considered.]

18.a5± Bf6 19.axb6 axb6 20.Rxa8 0.11/16

[20.Nb5± 0.56/22]

20...Rxa8= 21.Qb1 Ra6 0.39/20

[21...Bh4= -0.07/23]

22.Qb2 Nh6 23.Ra1 Rxa1+ 24.Qxa1 Nf7 25.Qa7 Bh4! 26.g3 Bg5 Threatens to win with ...fxg3. **27.Nf1 Qd8 28.Nb5 h5**

[28...Bxb5!? 29.cxb5 *(29.Qxf7 Bd7±)* 29...Kg8=]

29.Nc7 fxg3 30.hxg3 h4 31.Qxb6 Na4 32.Qa7 And now Ne6 would win. **32...Nc3 33.Bd3↑** Black must now prevent Ne6. Black is under pressure. **33...Nd1 34.Bb6**

[Resist 34.Ne6?! Qe7±]

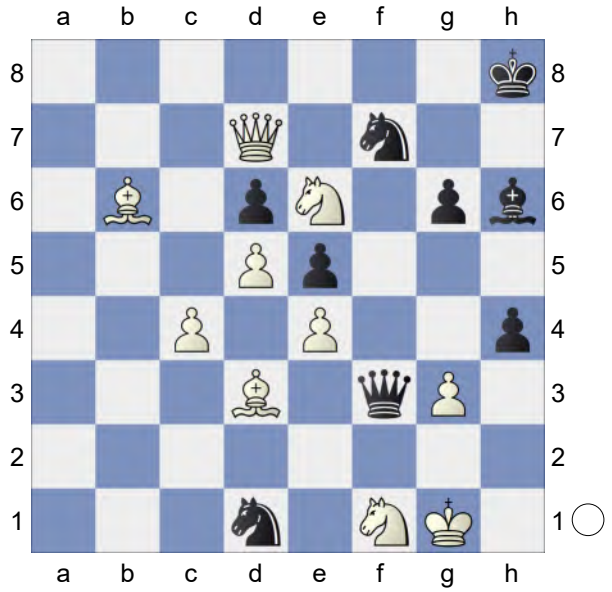
34...Qf6 0.54/20 Prevents Ne6.

[34...hxg3= 0.04/22 35.Ne6 Qe8]

35.Ne6!± Qxf3? 6.61/21 A mistake that costs the game.

[35...Bxe6± 0.58/19 36.dxe6 Qxe6]

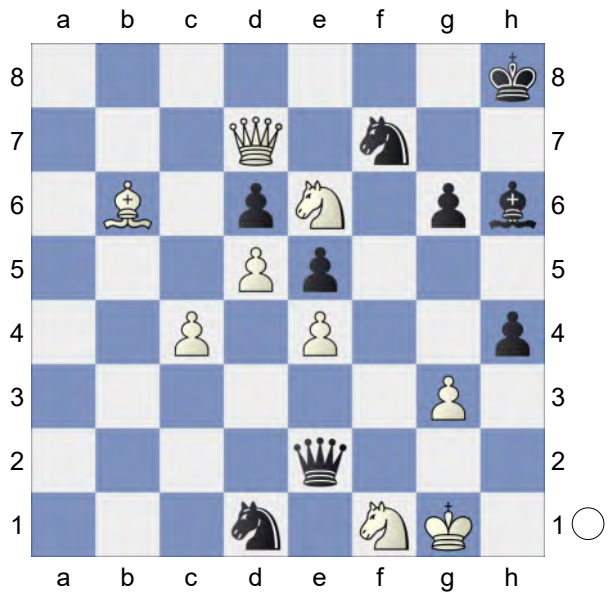
36.Qxd7+- Bh6



37.Be2! Qxe2

[37...Qf6 38.Bxd1]

(Diagram)

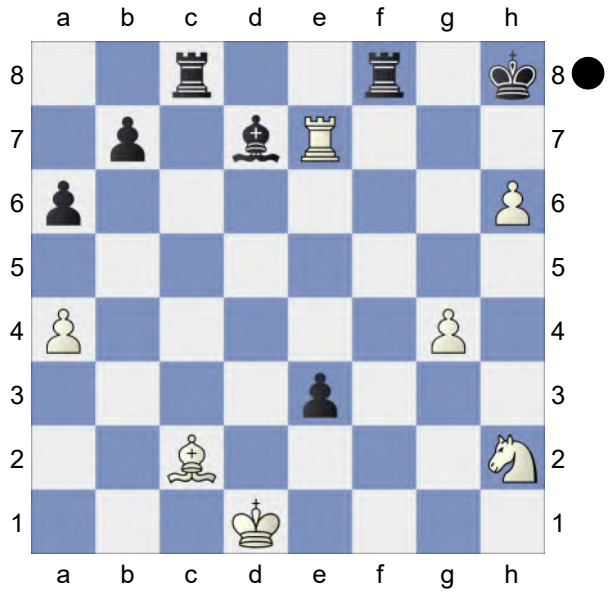


38.Qe8+! White mates. **38...Kh7 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Qxg6 Be3+ 41.Bxe3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.50
1-0

C11
□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
■ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
ch-USA w 2024 (8.2) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Ne2 Qb6 9.Qc1 cxd4**
[9...Be7 10.c3 0-0 11.g3 f6 12.Bg2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qa5+ 14.Nc3 Nb6 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.b3 Bd7 17.0-0 Rac8 18.Qd2 Be7 19.Ne2 Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Rc7 21.Rac1 Rfc8 22.f5 Ba3 23.Rce1 Bb4 24.Bxb4 1-0 Deslandes,P (2764)-Molina,R (2853) WCC 2004 (1)]
10.Nexd4 White is slightly better.
10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5N
[11...Bc5 12.c3 Nb8 13.b4 Bf8 14.Bd3 Qc7 15.a4 Bd7 16.Qc2 Nc6 17.0-0 g6 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Bd4 Be7 20.g4 h5 21.b5 Qc8 22.f5 gxf5 23.gxf5 exf5 24.Kh1 Be6 25.Rg1 Rf8 26.Rab1 1-0 Deakin,C (2413)-Emrich,E (2393) corr WS/SIM/B/46 ICCF 2024]
12.c3 Qc7 13.Be2 Be7 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.a4 0-0 16.Nf3 -0.37/21
[16.0-0= 0.25/19]
16...f6 0.27/20
[16...b5∓ -0.37/21]
17.exf6 Bxf6 18.h4 -0.62/22
[18.a5= 0.24/21]
18...Be8 19.h5 Repels Bg6 **19...Rc8 20.Rh3** -1.14/20
[Better is 20.Bxc5∓ -0.50/20 Qxc5 21.h6]
20...Ne4∓ 21.Bd3 e5 -0.46/27
[21...h6!∓ -1.14/20]
22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.0-0-0 -1.21/21
[23.Nxe5∓ -0.42/19 Qxe5 24.h6]
23...Nxc3 Double Attack **24.Bxh7+** -2.07/17
[24.bxc3∓ -1.08/19 Bxc3 25.h6 *(25.Bxh7+ Kh8∓)*]
24...Kh8-+ 25.h6 g6→ Black attacks with force.
[25...Nxd1 26.hxg7+ Bxg7 27.Kxd1 Qxc2+ 28.Bxc2+ Kg8 29.Bb3∓]
26.Bxg6? -7.05/18
[26.bxc3 -2.47/19 Bxa4 27.Nxe5 *(27.Qxa4? Qxc3+ 28.Kb1 Qb2#)* 27...Bxc2 28.Bxg6 Bxg6 *(28...Bxd1 29.Bd4=; 28...Qxe5 29.Bxc2 Rc4 30.Bd4∓)* 29.Nxg6+ Kh7 30.Nxf8+ Rxf8 31.Bd4]
26...Nxd1 27.Kxd1 Qxc2+ -2.64/19
[⌓27...Qd6 -4.59/20 28.Qxc8 Bxa4+ Discovered Attack *(28...Bxg6? 29.Qc5+-)* 29.Qc2 Bxc2+ 30.Bxc2 d4 *(30...Bxb2? 31.Nh4-+)*]
28.Bxc2 Bxb2 29.g4 -3.67/20

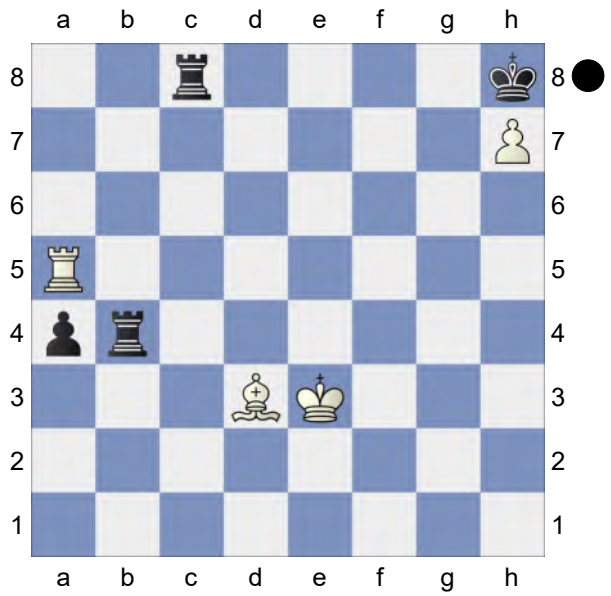
[29.Rg3 -2.61/19 was worth a try.]
29...Bd7 30.Nh2 -4.95/21
[30.Bf5 -3.51/18 keeps fighting. Bxf5 *(30...Bxa4+? 31.Ke2-+)* 31.gxf5]
30...Be5 31.Rh5 d4 32.Rxe5 dxe3 33.Re7



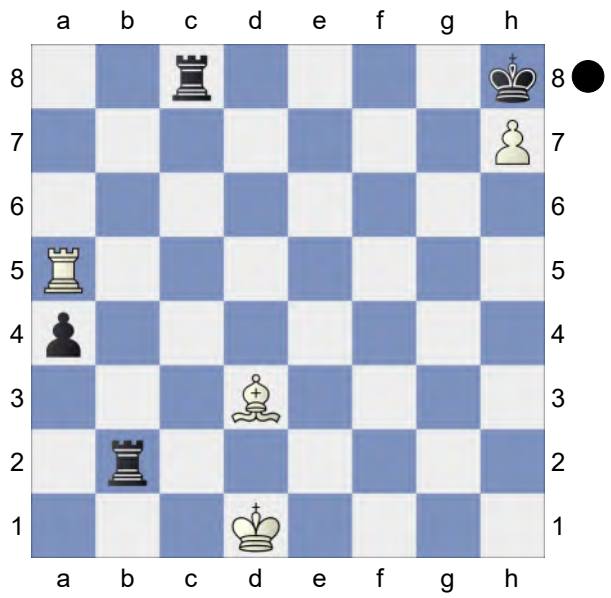
e2+ -3.37/18 **34.Rxe2 Rf4 35.Re7** -5.03/20
[⌓35.Kd2 -3.34/20]
35...Bxg4+? -0.21/19
[35...Bxa4 36.Rh7+ Kg8 37.Rg7+ Kf8 *(37...Kh8 38.Rh7+ Kg8 39.Rg7+ Kf8 40.Bxa4∓)* 38.Bxa4 Rd4+ *(38...Rxa4 39.Nf3∓)* 39.Ke2 Rxa4 40.Nf3-+]
[35...Rd4+-+ -5.03/20 36.Ke1 Rxc2]
36.Nxg4= Rxg4-+ Endgame. KRR-KRB
37.Bf5 Rd8+
[37...Rxa4?! 38.Bxc8 Rh4 39.Re8+ *(39.Rxb7 Rxh6 40.Ke2 Rh7±; 39.Re6 Kh7±)* 39...Kh7 40.Kc2± *(40.Bxb7 Rxh6 41.Bf3 Rb6±)*]
38.Kc2 Rg5 39.Be4 b5 40.Ra7? -2.64/26
[40.axb5= -0.22/21 and White has nothing to worry. Rc8+ *(40...Rxb5 41.Rh7+ Kg8 42.Rg7+ Kf8 43.Rc7=)* 41.Kb3 Rxb5+ 42.Ka3]
40...Rg4? -0.69/22
[Worse is 40...bxa4 41.Rxa6 Rd4 42.Bg6 Rg2+ 43.Kc1 Rg1+ 44.Kc2 Rg2+ 45.Kc1=]
[40...Re8!-+ -2.64/26 41.Bd3 bxa4]
41.Bf5∓ Rg5
[41...Rxa4 42.Bg6=]
42.Be4 Re8!
[42...bxa4 43.Rxa6 Rd4 44.Bg6 Rg2+ 45.Kc3∓]
43.Bd3 Rg2+ -0.73/20
[43...bxa4-+ -2.11/26 has better winning chances. Threatens to win with ...Rg2+. 44.Kb2 Rb8+ 45.Ka1 Rg3 46.Rh7+ Kg8]
44.Kb3∓ Rd8! 45.Bf5 bxa4+ 46.Kxa4 -1.80/23
[46.Ka3!∓ -0.58/19]
46...Rd4+? -0.03/35
[46...Rh2!-+ -1.80/23 47.Rh7+ Kg8]
47.Kb3= Rg3+ 48.Kc2 Rf4 (→ ... Rf2+) **49.Bd3 Rf2+ 50.Kc3 Rf8** ...Rc8+ would now be deadly. **51.Rd7 Rb8 52.Kc2! a5** Strongly threatening ... a4. **53.Rd4** -2.56/27
[White has to play 53.Rh7+!∓ -0.43/22 Kg8 54.Rd7]
53...Rg2+ 54.Kc3 Rg3 55.Kc2 Rg5 56.Kd2? -3.14/20
[56.Rc4!∓ -0.42/18]
56...Rh5-+ 57.h7 Rc5 58.Ke3 Rcc8 59.Ra4 Rb3 60.Rd4 Rb4 61.Rd5 a4 62.Ra5

(Diagram)

Re8+! 63.Kd2 Rd8 -5.56/19
[⌓63...Rg4 -3.52/22 64.Ra6 Rg2+ 65.Kc3 Rc8+ 66.Kd4 Rd8+ 67.Ke4 Rh2 *(67...Kxh7 68.Kf3+ Rxd3+ 69.Kxg2=)*]
64.Kc2 Rc8+ 65.Kd2 Rb2+? -0.60/20
[65...Rd8-+ -3.69/23 66.Kc2 Rg4]



66.Kd1∓



Ra2 -0.60/17
[66...Rb4!∓ -1.13/23 Hoping for ... Rd4. 67.Bf5 Rd8+ 68.Ke2 Re8+ 69.Kd2 Rh4]
67.Bf5? -5.88/19
[67.Rg5!∓ -0.60/17]
67...Rf8-+ aiming for ...a3. **68.Kc1 a3 69.Kb1 Rf2?** -0.01/28
[69...Rh2-+ -5.35/23 White must now prevent ...a2+! 70.Rd5 Rf2]
70.Bd3= Rb8+ 71.Ka1 Rf3 72.Be4 Re3 73.Bf5 Rc3 74.Be4 Rg3 75.Ra8 -0.60/34
[75.Ra4= -0.05/25]
75...Rxa8∓ 76.Bxa8 Kxh7 KR-KB
77.Ka2 Kg6 0.00/38
[Black should try 77...Kg7∓ -0.60/37 78.Bc6 Kf6]
78.Bd5= The position is equal. **78...Kf5**
[78...Kf6!? 79.Bb3□ Rh3=]
79.Bb3 Ke5 80.Kxa3 Kd4 And now ... Kc3 would win. **81.Kb4 Rc3 82.Ba2 Rc8 83.Bf7 Rb8+ 84.Ka5 Kc5 85.Ka4! Rb4+ 86.Ka3 Re4 87.Kb3 Re3+ 88.Kc2 Kd4 89.Bg6 Rc3+ 90.Kb2 Kc4 91.Bf7+ Kb4 92.Bg6 Rg3 93.Be4 Re3 94.Bg6 Re2+ 95.Kc1 Kc3 96.Kd1** Inhibits Re1+. **96...Ra2 97.Ke1 Rd2 98.Bf5 Rd5 99.Bg6 Rd6 100.Bf5 Rf6 101.Bh7 Rf7 102.Bg6 Rg7 103.Bh5 Rg2 104.Bf3 Rg7 105.Kf2 Kd2 106.Bd5 Rd7 107.Bb3 Rd8 108.Be6 Rd6 109.Bb3 Kc3 110.Bg8 Kd4 111.Kf3 Rd8 112.Bb3 Rf8+ 113.Ke2 Rf6 114.Bg8 Rh6 115.Kf3 Ke5 116.Bc4 Rh8 117.Bb5 Rf8+ 118.Ke3 Rb8 119.Bc4 Ra8 120.Kd3 Ra3+ 121.Kc2 Kd4 122.Bb3 Ra7 123.Be6 Rg7 124.Kb3 Rg3+ 125.Kc2 Rc3+ 126.Kd2 Rc6 127.Bd7 Rd6 128.Bg4 Ra6 129.Kc2 Ra7 130.Bf5 Re7**
White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.63
½-½

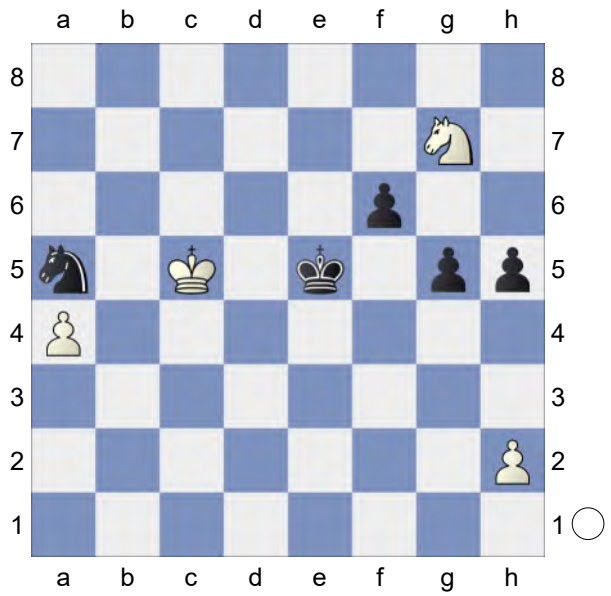
D02

□ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**
ch-USA w 2024 (8.3) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3 **1.Nf3 d5 2.d4**
[2.b4 Bg4 3.Bb2 Nd7 4.a3 e6 5.e3 Ngf6 6.Be2 Bd6 7.d3 a5 8.b5 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Be5 10.d4 Bd6 11.Nd2 Nb6 12.c4 Be7 13.0-0 c6 14.a4 0-0 15.Qb3 Nbd7 16.Rfc1 Bb4 1-0 Svane,R (2629)-Pinheiro,I (2270) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (11)]
2...e6N
[2...Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.Nbd2 Bb7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 *(10.Qe2 Qe7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f5 14.Qe3 c5 15.Rfe1 Rae8 16.Ng5 e5 17.d5 e4 18.Bf1 Ne5 19.f4 exf3 20.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 21.Qxf3 Qxe1 22.Rxe1 Rxe1 23.Bc3 Re7* Najer,E (2648)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2545) (ch) 99/(272) Russia 2006*)* 10...Re8 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.f4 c5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Rc1 a6 15.Qf3 Qd8 16.g4 cxd4 17.exd4 1-0 Korherr, W (2402)-Skjoldborg,J (2346) 41/(221) New York 1986 (7) Bb4 18.Bc3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Nf6 23.Ree3 h5 24.g5 Ng4 25.Red3 Rc8 26.Qb7 Rxc3 27.Qxf7+ Kh7 28.Qxh5+ Kg8 29.Qf7+ Kh7 30.Rxc3 Qxd4+ 31.Kg2 Qd2+ 32.Kg3 1-0 Kjartansson,G (2402)-Ragnarsson, D (2346) ISL-ch Hafnarfjoeraur 2023 (7)]
3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 Be7 11.Bb2 Ne4 12.Nbd2 Bf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nxe4 White is slightly better. **14...dxe4 15.Nd2 e3 16.Ne4 exf2+ 17.Rxf2 Qe5 18.Rc1 Be6 19.Qd2**
[19.Rc5 is interesting. Rad8 20.Qb1 Qd4 21.Ng5]
19...Rad8 20.Qf4
[20.Qg5 is more complex. Qb2 21.Nc5 Nd4 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Qe3]
20...Qxf4
[20...Qb2 looks sharper. 21.Rcf1 h6 22.Qc1 Qe5]
21.gxf4 Nd4 22.Ng3 b6 23.f5 Bd5 24.e3 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Nb5 26.a4 Nd6 27.Rd2 f6 28.Rcd1 Nf7 29.Rd7
[29.Rxd8 simplifies Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Nxd8 31.Kf3]
29...a5 30.bxa5 bxa5 31.Nh5 Rfe8 32.Nf4 Rxd7 33.Rxd7= Endgame. KRN-KRN **33...Nh6 34.Ra7 Nxf5 35.Rxa5 Nxe3+ 36.Kf3 Nc4 37.Ra7** The position is equal. **37...Re5 38.Ra8+ Kf7 39.Ra7+ Re7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7** KN-KN **41.Ke4 g5 42.Nd5+ Ke6 43.Nc7+ Kd7 44.Nd5 Ke6 45.Nc7+ Kd6 46.Ne8+ Ke7 47.Ng7 Kf7 48.Nf5 h5 49.Kd4 Na5 50.Kc5 Ke6 51.Ng7+ Ke5**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...h4. **52.Nxh5 f5 53.Kb5 Nb7 54.a5 Nxa5 55.Kxa5** KN-KPP **55...f4 56.Kb4 Kf5 57.Kc3 Kg4 58.Nf6+ Kf3 59.Kd3 Kg2 60.Ke4 Kxh2 61.Kf5 f3 62.Kxg5 f2 63.Ng4+ Kg3 64.Nxf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½



A09

□ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim 2374**
■ **Yu,Jennifer 2267**
ch-USA w 2024 (8.4) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A11: English Opening: 1...c6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Qc2 g6**

[4...a6 5.h3 g6 *(5...e6 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Be2 e5 9.d4 e4 10.Nfd2 Nf8 11.Nc3 Ng6 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.g4 b5 14.c5 Bc7 15.g5 Nd7 16.h4 Ne7 17.f3 b4 18.Na4 exf3 19.Bxf3 0-0 20.Be2* 1-0 Bauer,C (2628)-Xiang,Z (2400) Cappelle op 34th Cappelle la Grande 2018 (7.2)*)* 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Be2 b5 9.0-0 Qb6 10.c5 Qc7 11.a4 Ra7 12.Be5 Qb7 13.b4 Re8 14.Nc3 Nbd7 15.Bh2 Ne4 16.d4 Ndf6 17.Ra3 Bf5 18.Qb3 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 1-0 Janoschka,A (2634)-5.Ng5 Ngf6 6. Bd3 (2737) Peao Distante tourney prel 9899 corr Portugal 1998 (2)]

5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2! 0-0 7.h3N -0.17/17

[7.Be2 0.19/11 is superior. c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.cxd5 *(9.d4 Bf5 10.Qc1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Rc8* 11. White plays 1 Nf3-White Plays 1 Nf3 with 2 c4 a*)* 9...Qxd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Qxf5 Bxf5 12.Na4 b6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Rfd8 11. White plays 1 Nf3-White Plays 1 Nf3 with 2 c4 a]

[7.Nc3 Bf5 8.d3 Re8 11. White plays 1 Nf3-White Plays 1 Nf3 with 2 c4 a]

7...b6 0.22/16

[7...c5 -0.17/17 feels stronger.]

8.Be2 Bb7 9.d4 Nbd7 10.Nc3 e6 11.0-0 c5 12.Rfd1 cxd4 13.exd4 -0.06/20

[13.Nxd4± 0.34/11 might be stronger. Qe7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Ndb5]

13...Ne4= 14.Bd3 -0.37/20

[14.Qc1= 0.01/18]

14...Nxc3∓ 15.Qxc3 dxc4 16.Bxc4 a6 17.a4 Nf6 18.Ne5 Ne4 19.Qe3 Nd6 20.d5 Nf5! 21.Qd2

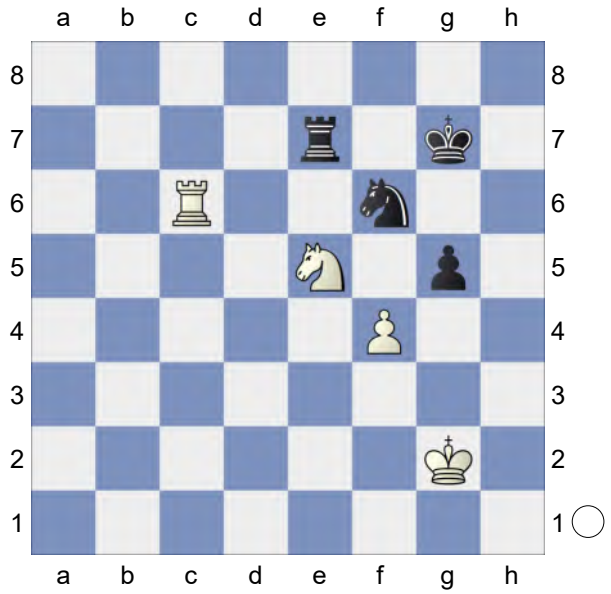
[21.Qf3 with more complications. Qc7 22.Qe2 exd5 23.Bxd5 Rae8 24.Qc4]

21...exd5

[21...Bxd5 is more complex. 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Qxd5 Rc8]

22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qxd5 24.Rxd5 Rac8 25.Rad1 Rfe8 26.Ba1 h5 27.Nc4 Bxa1 28.Rxa1 Re6 29.Rad1 Kg7 30.Kf1 Rcc6 31.g4 hxg4 32.hxg4 Ne7 33.Rd7 b5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Ne3 Rc3 The position is equal. **36.Rb7 Rxb3 37.Rdd7 Kf8 38.g5 Rb4** Prevents Ng4 **39.Kg2 Rbe4 40.Rxb5 R4e5 41.Rdb7 Rxb5 42.Rxb5=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **42...f6 43.gxf6 Rxf6 44.Kg3 Kg7 45.Ng4 Rf7 46.Rb6 Nf5+ 47.Kg2 Nh4+ 48.Kh3 Nf3 49.Ra6 Ng5+ 50.Kg2 Ne4 51.f3 Nc5 52.Rd6 Nd7**

53.Rc6 Nf6 54.Ne5 Re7 55.f4 g5



Deflection **56.fxg5 Rxe5 57.gxf6+ Kf7 58.Kg3 Rf5 59.Kg4 Rxf6 60.Rxf6+ Kxf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

B06

□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**
ch-USA w 2024 (8.5) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence Current Reputation: Playable for both sides With the Danzhou super tournament being the only truly prestigious event that was under way last week, I basically had somewhat limited options for this survey. Naiditsch's convincing win against Bu Xiangzhi was thus a safe pick, as it exemplified a dream scenario for players of White: obstruction of Black's development, early weakening of his pawn structure that couldn't have been prevented due to poor piece coordination. Such an outcome naturally calls for some scrutiny, and I'm going to present my findings in this article. **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 a6 4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 Nd7**

[5...b5 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.a4 b4 8.Ne2 Nd7 9.c3 c5 10.0-0 Nh6 11.Ng3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Bc2 a5 14.h3 d5 15.e5 e6 16.Be3 Ba6 17.Rf2 0-0-0 18.Bd3 Kb7 19.Bxa6+ Qxa6 20.Rc1 ½-½ Kadric,D (2583)-Levin,G (2419) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (11)]

6.Bd3 0.31/20

[6.a4± 0.72/19]

[6.Bc4 e6 7.a4 Ne7 8.0-0 d5 9.Bd3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 b6 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.c3 0-0 13.a5 c5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nfd2 Nd5 17.Nc4 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bd5 19.Rf2 Rfd8 20.Re1 Rab8 0-1 Rychagov,N (2201)-Keinanen,T (2513) Riga Tech op-A 2023 (2)]

6...c5± 7.Be3N

[7.d5 b5 8.0-0 Bb7 9.a4 c4 10.Be2 b4 11.Na2 Rc8 12.Be3 a5 13.c3 b3 14.Nc1 Ngf6 15.Bd4 0-0 16.Nd2 Nb6 17.Bf3 Nfd7 18.Ne2 Nc5 19.Bxc5 Rxc5 20.Nd4 Qd7 21.Ra3 Rcc8 0-1 Chapter E3 (2218)-Feher,G (2543) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2009 (1. 33) 22.Bg4 Bxd4+ 23.cxd4 f5 24.Bh3 Rc7 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Qh5 Bxd5 27.Nf3 e6 28.Ng5 Qg7 29.Qd1 h6 30.Nf3 c3 31.bxc3 Nc4 Black Or White Limo,S-Sicilian Defense: Rossolimo V,6 426 Linz 2015]

7...Ngf6 8.dxc5 White is slightly better.

8...Ng4 9.Bd4 -0.03/22

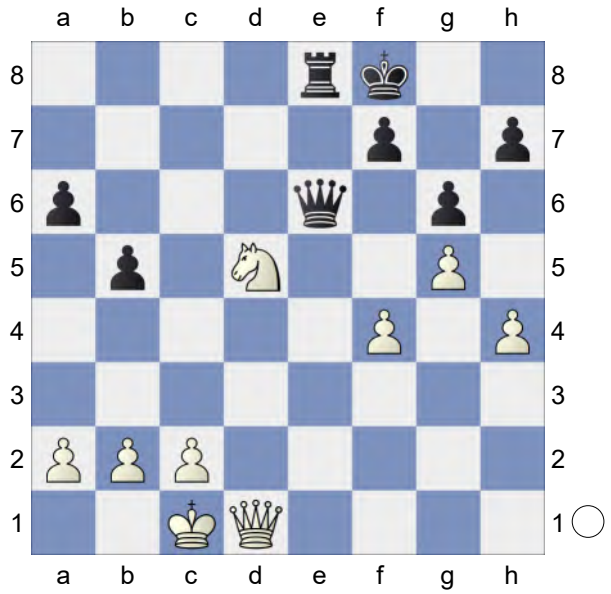
[9.Bg1± 0.40/20 feels stronger.]

9...Bxd4 0.54/17

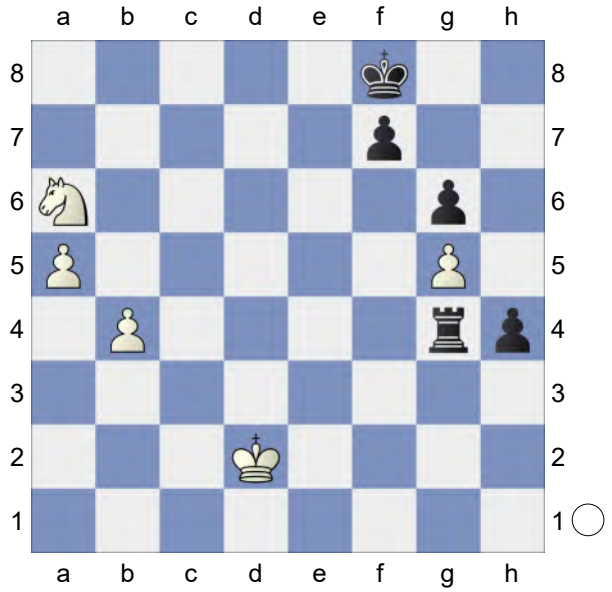
[Black should play 9...e5= -0.03/22 10.Bg1 exf4]

10.Nxd4 Nxc5 11.Qe2 0-0 12.h3 Nf6

13.0-0-0 b5 Against Bc4 **14.Nb3** -0.35/23
[14.e5= 0.28/17 Nh5 15.Qe3]
14...Na4 0.56/20
[14...Nxd3+∓ -0.35/23 15.Rxd3 b4]
15.Nb1 -0.36/21
[15.e5!± 0.56/20 Nxc3 16.bxc3]
15...Qb6 0.02/19
[15...Bb7∓ -0.36/21 is more appropriate.]
16.g4= Bb7 17.h4 -0.49/22
[17.N1d2= 0.00/21]
17...Nc5∓ 18.Nxc5 dxc5 19.e5? -3.37/22 Loses the game. **19...c4-+ 20.exf6 cxd3 21.Qxd3 Bxh1**
[21...exf6 22.Rhf1∓]
22.fxe7 Rfe8 23.Rxh1 Rxe7 24.Nc3 Rae8 25.Rd1 Re1 26.Nd5 Qe6 -2.25/23
[⌓26...Rxd1+ -4.75/24 27.Qxd1 Qd6]
27.g5? -4.55/23
[27.b3 -2.25/23 only move. Rxd1+ *(27...Qxg4? is the wrong capture. 28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Nxg4+-)* 28.Qxd1]
27...Rxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Endgame. KQR-KQN **28...Kf8**



...Rd8 would now be deadly. **29.c4** -5.80/21
[29.b3 -4.07/19 was necessary. Qe1 30.Nf6 Qxd1+ 31.Kxd1]
29...bxc4 30.Nf6 Qe3+ 31.Kc2 Hoping for Qd6+. **31...Qf2+ 32.Kc3 Re3+ 33.Kxc4 Qxf4+ 34.Qd4 Qxd4+ 35.Kxd4** KR-KN **35...Re2 36.Kc3 Kg7 37.a4 h5 38.b4 Rh2 39.Ne8+ Kf8 40.Nc7 Rh3+ 41.Kd2 Rxh4 42.Nxa6 Rg4 43.a5 h4**



White must now prevent ...h3! **44.b5 h3** ...h2! is the strong threat. **45.b6 h2 46.b7 Rd4+ 47.Kc3 Rd8**
[47...h1R? too greedy. 48.b8Q+ *(48.b8R+ Rd8+-)* 48...Kg7 49.Qe5+ *(49.Kxd4 Rh4+ 50.Kd5 Ra4+-)* 49...Kh7 50.Kxd4+- *(50.Qxd4 Rh3+ 51.Kb4 Rh5+-)*]
48.Nc5 h1Q (→ ...Qe1+) **49.a6 Qc6 50.Kc4 Qb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

B57
□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
ch-USA w 2024 (8.6) 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B57: Classical Sicilian: Sozin with 6...Qb6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Bf4 Ne5 9.Be2 Bd7 10.Qd2 Rc8**

[10...Be7 11.f3 *(11.0-0-0 0-0 12.Be3 Qc7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Qxd5 Qxd5 19.Rxd5 Bc6 20.Rd2 Rfe8 21.Re1 Bd8 22.Bf4 Bb6 23.g3 h6 24.h4 a5 25.Nd4 Bxd4* 1-0 Baum,J (2420)-Kawulok,M (2211) Pardubice Czech op-A 34th 2023 (2)*)* 11...0-0 12.g4 Qc7 13.0-0-0 Rfd8 14.g5 Nh5 15.Be3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Qxc4 17.Ne2 a5 18.Kb1 a4 19.Nbc1 Be8 20.Ng3 f6 21.Rhg1 d5 22.gxf6 Bxf6 23.e5 Bxe5 24.Nxh5 Bxh5 25.Rg5 1-0 Nakamura,H (2733)-Edouard,R (2636) Cap d'Agde CCAS Gp-A rapid 2010 (1)]

11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Be3N White is slightly better.

[12.f3 a6 13.g4 Qc7 14.g5 Nh5 15.Be3 0-0 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Kb1 b5 #9 Lesson Classical Sicilian-6.Bc4]

[12.Kb1 Rxc3 13.Qxc3 Nxe4 14.Qd4 Qxd4 15.Rxd4 Nxf2 16.Rf1 Nfg4 17.Na5 g5 18.Bd2 b6 19.Nb7 Nxh2 20.Rh1 d5 21.Rxh2 Bc6 22.Ba6 h5 #8 Lesson Classical Sicilian-6.Bc4]

12...Qc7 13.Nb5 -0.16/21

[13.Bxa7 b6 14.f4 *(14.Nb5? Bxb5 15.Bxb5+ Kf8-+)* 14...Ng6-+ *(14...Qxa7 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rhf1∓)*]

[White should play 13.Bg5± 0.41/21]

13...Bxb5= 14.Bxb5+ Kf8

[14...Ned7 simplifies 15.Bxd7+ Nxd7 16.Kb1 0-0]

15.f3

[15.Bxa7? b6 16.Kb1 Qxa7-+]

15...d5 16.Kb1

[16.Bxa7? b6 17.Qc3 Nc4-+]

16...dxe4

[16...h5 simplifies 17.Qe2 a6 18.Bd3 dxe4 19.fxe4 Kg8]

17.fxe4 Nxe4 0.52/22

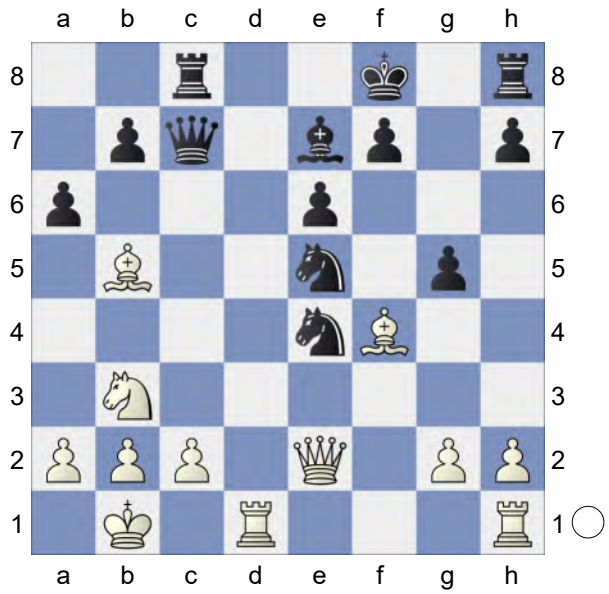
[17...a6= 0.14/20 should be considered. 18.Bd3 h5]

18.Qe2± a6? 1.69/19

[18...Nd6!= 0.13/19]

19.Bf4!+- A strong pair of Bishops.

19...g5



20.Rd7!! Pin. Chess con chili. **20...Qb8 21.Bxe5** 1.06/17

[⌓21.Qxe4 1.60/23 gxf4 22.Rxb7]

21...Qxe5± 22.Bd3 Bf6 23.c3 0.00/26

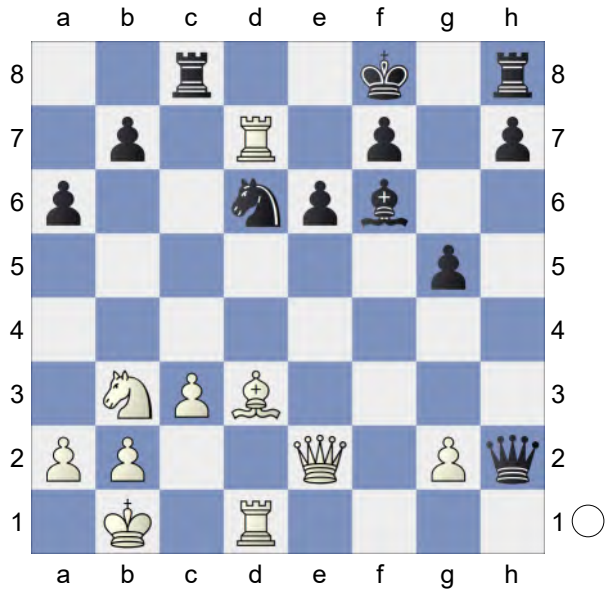
[Better is 23.c4!± 0.99/28 Nc5 *(23...Nd6 24.c5±)* 24.Qxe5 Remove Defender Bxe5 25.Nxc5]

23...Nd6= White must now prevent ... Ke8. **24.Rd1** -1.12/24

[24.Re1= 0.00/26 keeps the balance. Qxe2 *(24...Qxh2 25.Rf1±)* 25.Bxe2]

24...Qxh2? 0.97/20

[24...Rc6!∓ -1.12/24 stays on course. aiming for ...Ke8. 25.Rd8+ Ke7 *(25...Bxd8? 26.Qxe5 f6 27.Qxe6+-)* 26.Qxe5 Bxe5 27.Rxh8 Bxh8 28.Bxh7 g4]



25.Bxa6 -0.50/26 White is much more active. **25...bxa6 26.R1xd6 Be5** 1.08/21

[26...Rc7∓ -0.42/22 stays ahead.]

(Diagram)

27.Rd3!± Rh3 would now be deadly.

[27.Rxa6 Rc7 28.Rxc7 Qg1+ 29.Kc2 Bxc7]

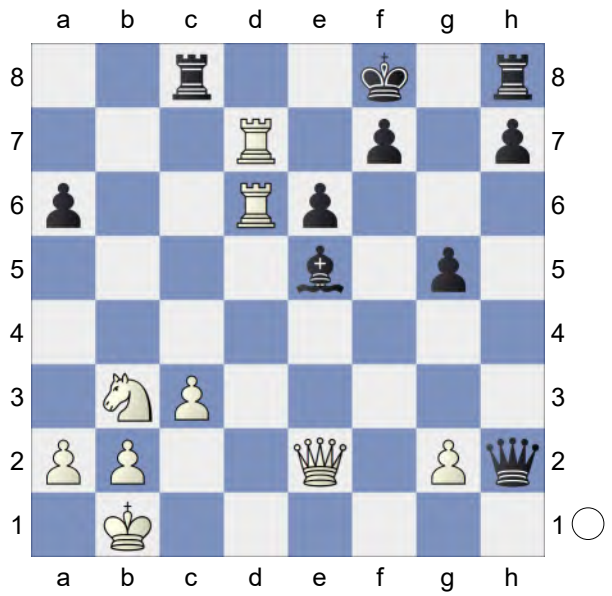
[27.Qxa6 Bxd6 28.Qxc8+ Kg7∓]

27...Bf4? 2.82/21

[27...Rc7± 1.05/20]

28.Nd4→ Threatening mate with Nxe6+! White has strong attack. **28...Qh6** 4.29/19

[28...Re8 2.44/19 29.Qf1 Qh6 *(29...Kg7? 30.Rh3+-* Discovered



Attack *)*]

29.g3+- g4 30.gxf4 Qxf4 31.Rd1 Qg5 32.Rf1 10.28/19

[⌓32.Nxe6+ #5/17 Ke8 33.Nxg5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kf8 34.Qe7+ *(34.Rxf7+ Kg8 35.Qe5 h6 36.Qg7#; 34.Ne6+ Ke8 35.Nd8+ Kf8 36.Rxf7+ Kg8 37.Qxg4#)* 34...Kg7 35.Ne6+ Kh6 36.Qg5#]

32...Qg6+ 33.Qc2 Intending Qxg6 and mate. **33...f5 34.Qe2 Re8 35.Qe5 Rg8 36.Qd6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=1.09

1-0

A25

□ **Krush,Irina** **2388**

■ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim** **2374**

ch-USA w 2024 (9.1) 21.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A25: English Opening vs King's Indian with ...Nc6 but without early d3 **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Rb1 a5 6.e3 d6N**

[6...f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 d6 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 g5 12.d4

Qe8 13.d5 Ne7 14.f3 Ng6 15.e4 f4 16.g4 h5 17.h3 Nh4 18.Nb5 Rf7 19.Nec3 Bf8 20.Rf2 hxg4 21.hxg4 ½-½ 12. ♕c2 (2270)-Nachbar,B Wattens op 15th 2000 (1) Rh7 22.Bh1 Qg6 23.Rh2 Qg7 24.Rb3 Qh6 25.Kf1 Qg7 26.Kg1 Qh6 27.Kf1 Qg7 ½-½ Villeneuve,A (2270)-Michalet,G FRA-ch 52th Le Touquet 1977 (1)]

7.Nge2 h5 8.h4 Nf6 9.a3 White has an edge. **9...0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.d3 Qd7 12.b3 Rae8 13.Bd2 Ne7 14.Ne4** -0.24/20

[Better is 14.e4 0.28/22]

14...Nxe4= 15.dxe4 b6 16.Qe1 a4 17.b4! Be6 18.Rc1 c6 19.c5 -1.00/19

[19.b5= -0.22/21]

19...b5∓ 20.Kh2 Rd8 21.cxd6 -2.02/22

[21.Bc3∓ -1.24/18]

21...Qxd6 22.Bc3 Bb3 -0.64/20

[22...f6∓ -1.33/21 23.f4 Nc8]

23.Rh1 -1.27/22

[White should try 23.f4∓ -0.64/20]

23...Nc8 Black is more active. **24.Bf3** -2.21/22

[24.f4∓ -1.25/19]

24...Qe6 25.Qg1 -2.45/21

[⊼25.Ng1 -1.76/20]

25...f5-+ 26.Qg2 Nd6 27.exf5 Qxf5 28.Bxc6 Qxf2 29.Nf4 Qxg2+

[Weaker is 29...Qxe3 30.Rhe1 exf4 31.Rxe3 fxe3 32.Be1∓]

30.Nxg2 Rc8 31.Ba1 Rf2 32.Rc5 Kh7 Strongly threatening ...Nc4. **33.Rg1** -3.57/21

[⊼33.Rhc1 -2.50/18]

33...Nf5 34.Bxb5 -4.73/20

[34.e4 -3.07/19 might work better. Nd4 35.Bxd4 exd4 36.Bxb5]

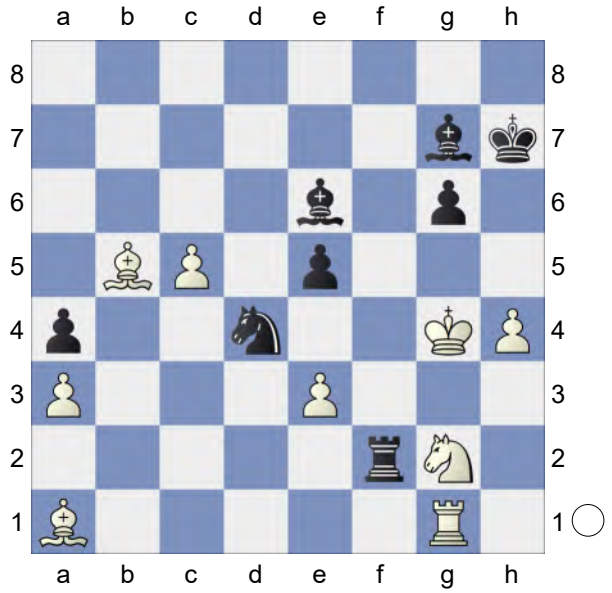
34...Rxc5 35.bxc5 Bd5

[Don't do 35...Nxe3 36.Bc6-+]

36.Kh3 Be6 Repels Bd7 **37.g4?** -8.40/20

[37.Kh2 -3.84/19 Nxe3 38.Bc6 Ng4+ *(38...Nf1+? 39.Kh1-+)* 39.Kh3]

37...hxg4+ 38.Kxg4 Nd4+



Discovered Attack (Check) **39.Kg3 Rf3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

A13

□ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**

■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**

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[Kitty Kat]

A17: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...Bb4

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 b6 7.Qc2N

[7.cxd5 exd5 8.g3 0-0 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 Re8 11.a3 Nbd7 12.d4 Nf8 13.b4 Ne6 14.Rc1 Rb8 15.Ne2 a5 16.b5 Rc8 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Ne4 19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 c5 21.bxc6 Rxc6 1-0 Krabbe,W (2637)-Grimm,S (2500) cor 1980 (6) 22.Rxc6 Bxc6 23.Rd1 Qc7 24.h4 h5 25.Bf3 Nc5 26.Bxh5 Ne6 27.Qc3 d4

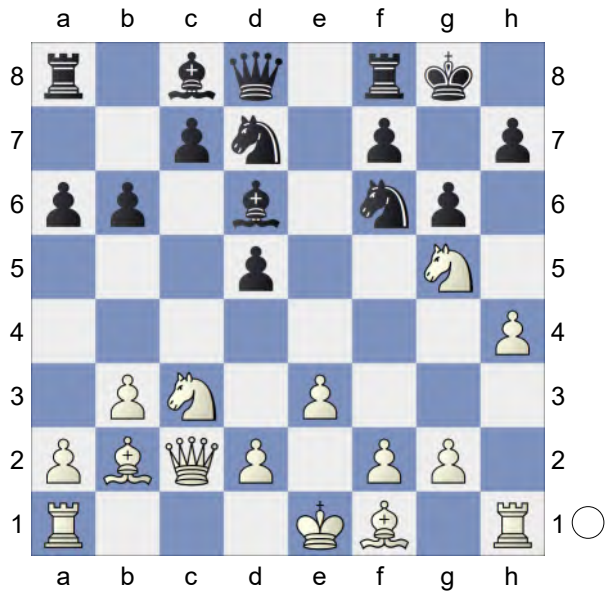
28.exd4 Qb7 29.f4 Bh1 30.Rd2 Rc8 31.Qe3 Be4 32.Bg4 g6 33.h5 Re8 34.hxg6 fxg6 35.Bh3 Kg7 36.g4 Rh8 1-0 Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2637)-Gharibyan,M (2500) ChessKid Cup Play In Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6)]

7...0-0 **8.cxd5** The position is equal. **8...exd5** **9.Ng5** aiming for Nxd5! **9...g6** 0.61/17

[Better is 9...h6= 0.00/21 10.h4 Be7 *(10...hxg5? 11.hxg5 Be5 12.gxf6+-)*]

10.h4!⩲ h5! would now be deadly. White is more active. **10...Nbd7** 1.69/17

[10...h6± 0.89/19]



11.h5!+- Black must now prevent Nxd5! **11...Ne5** 2.07/19

[11...Nxh5 12.Rxh5 Nf6 13.Rh1±]

[⚠11...Bb7 1.69/21]

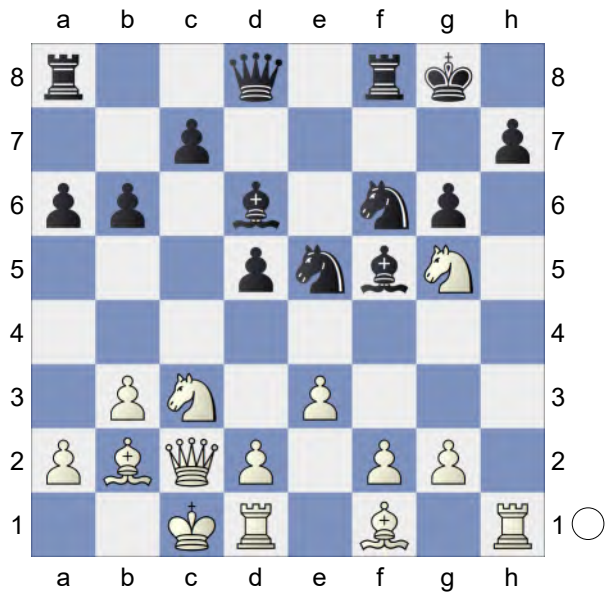
12.hxg6 **fxg6** 2.88/24

[12...hxg6 1.83/21 was worth a try. 13.f4 c5 14.fxe5 Bxe5]

13.0-0-0 **Bf5**

(Diagram)

14.e4! Deflection **14...dxe4** **15.Ncxe4** **Nxe4?** 5.64/21 This move loses the



game for Black.

[15...b5± 1.10/18]

16.Bc4+

[16.Nxe4 b5±]

16...Nf7 #10/21

[16...Rf7+- 5.00/14]

17.Nxf7 6.80/18

[⚠17.Rxh7 #10/21 Qf6 18.Nxe4 *(18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Qb2 Nxh7+-)* 18...Kxh7 19.Nxf6+ *(19.Bxf6 g5+-)* 19...Kg7 20.Ne8+ Discovered Attack (Double Check) Kh6 21.Rh1+ Kg5 22.Bf6+ Kf4 23.Rh4+ Bg4 24.Rxg4+ Decoy *(24.Qxg6 Ba3+ 25.Kb1 Nh6 26.Qg5+ Ke4 27.f3#* Pin; *24.Nxd6 Nxd6 25.Rxg4+* Remove Defender *Kxg4 26.Qd1+ Kf5 27.Qf3#)* 24...Kxg4 25.Qe4+ Bf4 26.Be2#]

17...Rxf7 White is clearly winning. **18.Bxf7+** **Kxf7** **19.Rxh7+** **Ke8** **20.Qc6+** **Kf8** **21.Rh8+** **Ke7** **22.Rxd8** **Rxd8** **23.Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/Black=1.26

1-0

C53
□ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**
■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Be6N**

[9...Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 Kg7 22.d5 Bd7 23.Kc2 Rhb8 24.Bxa6 0-1 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 Zürich 2016 (3) Bxf2 25.Bb5 Be3 26.h4 Ra5 27.c4 Rba8 28.Kb3 Nf8 29.Rhc1 Bg4 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Kxd2 Nd7 32.Ra3 Nc5 33.Bc6 Rb8 34.Ke1 Qd8 35.Qc2 Bxf3 36.Rxf3 Qc8 0-1 Buchicchio,G (2767)-Hantel,T (2787) 102/57 Russia 2008 (7)]

[9...Ne7 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Qb3 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 exd4 15.cxd4 Qd7 16.Ne3 Qc6 17.Rc1 Qxc4 18.Rxc4 c6 19.Kd2 h5 20.Rhc1 Kd7 21.g3 Ne7 22.a5 Rab8 23.R1c2 Ke6 24.Nh4 1-0 Wei,Y (2762)-Demchenko,A (2597) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (3.4)]

[9...g5 10.Bg3 0-0 11.Qe2 Kg7 12.h4 g4 13.Nh2 Ne7 14.h5 Nxh5 15.Nxg4 Nxg3 16.fxg3 Ng8 17.Ne3 Qg5 18.Nef1 Ne7 19.Nf3 Qg6 20.0-0-0 f5 21.Bb3 b5 ½-½ Ornolfsson,M (2702)-Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2651) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (10)]

10.b4 White is slightly better. **10...Qe7 11.0-0 g5 12.Bg3 0-0 13.b5 Nb8 14.Re1 axb5 15.axb5** And now Ra4 would win. **15...Nbd7 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Rfe8 19.f3** 0.19/19

[19.Nd2± 0.60/21]

19...Ne5 1.69/22

[19...d5!= 0.19/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 20.exd5 Discovered Attack Qc5]

20.Ne3 0.81/21

[20.b6!+- 1.69/22 is more deadly.]

20...Kh7 21.h4 Qd7 1.18/22

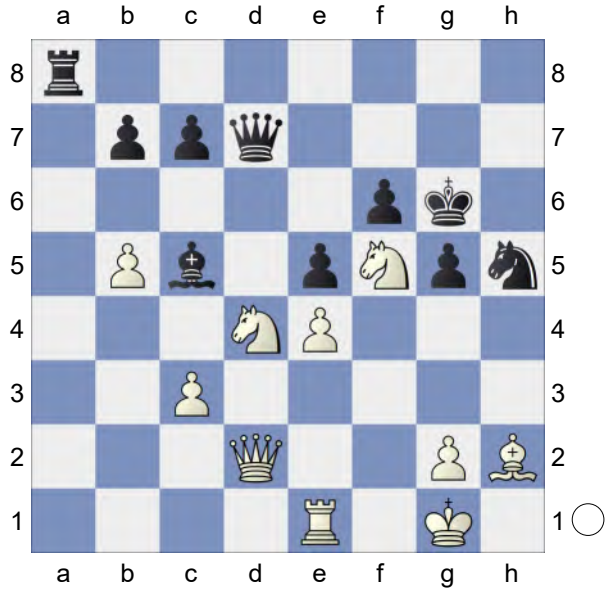
[Black should play 21...Nh5± 0.66/20]

22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Nef5 Kg6 24.Qd2 0.19/21

[24.Rf1± 1.12/19]

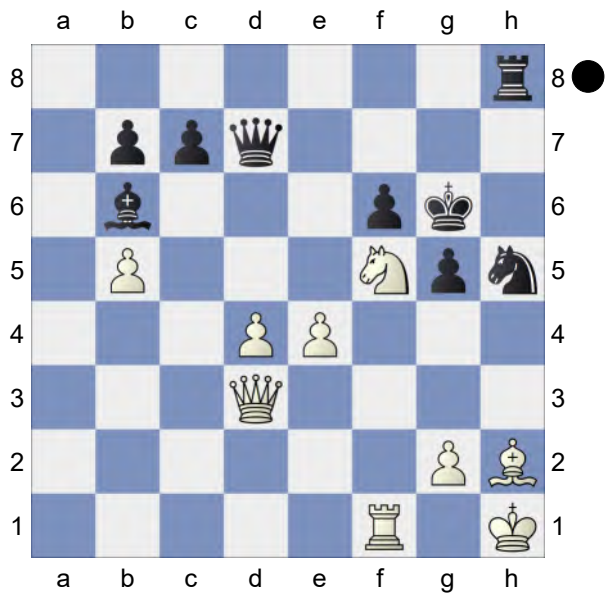
24...Nh5= 25.Bh2 Hoping for Rxa7! **25...Bc5 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.f4** Against f6 **27...f6 28.fxe5 dxe5** 1.32/21

[Better is 28...fxe5± 0.60/18 29.Ne3 *(29.g4 Nf6+-)* 29...Nf4 *(29...exd4? 30.cxd4 Bb6 31.e5±)*]



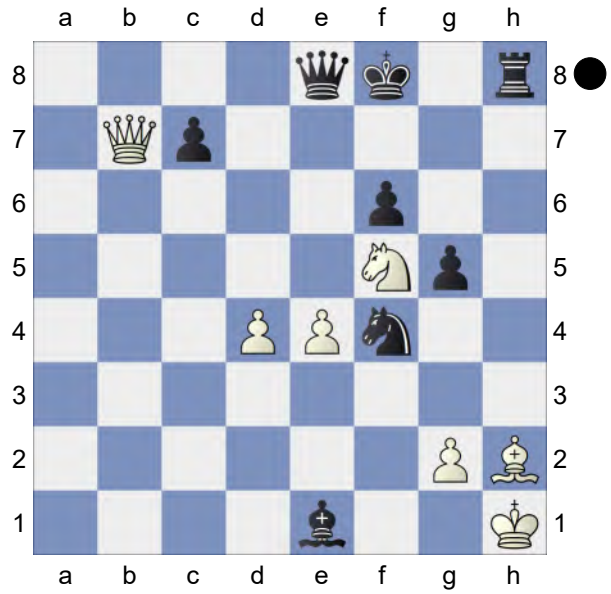
29.Kh1 -0.01/21 **exd4 30.cxd4 Bb6 31.Qd3 Rh8! 32.Rf1** -1.43/22

[32.Kg1= -0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

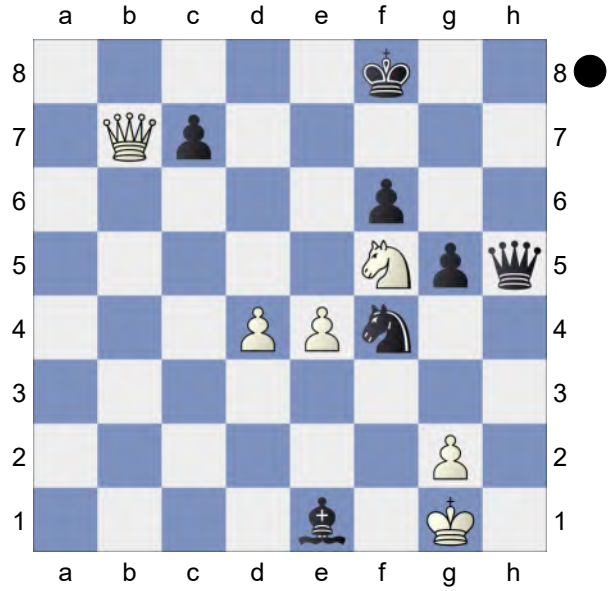


32...Nf4!∓ Deflection **33.Qd2** -2.41/21
[⊿33.Qc2 -1.61/20]
33...Qxb5 34.Re1 -5.58/21
[34.Qf2 -1.81/20 is a better chance.]
34...Ba5-+ Skewer, Deflection **35.Qa2** -#15/15
[35.Ne7+-+ -5.16/19 Kf7 36.Qa2+ Kxe7 37.Ra1]
35...Bxe1 36.Ne7+ Kg7 -14.35/21
[⊿36...Kh5 -#14/21 37.Kg1 Ne2+ 38.Kf1 Nc3+ *(38...Nxd4+? 39.Kxe1 Re8 40.Qd2-+)* 39.Kxe1 Nxa2 40.Ng8 Rxg8 *(40...Qb4+* gets mated. *41.Ke2 Qb2+ 42.Kf3 Nc3 43.Kg3 Qe2 44.Nxf6+ Kg6 45.Bg1 Qd3+ 46.Kf2 Qd2+ 47.Kg3 Qf4#)* 41.Bxc7 Qb2 *(41...Qb4+* is a self mate. *42.Ke2 Rc8 43.g3 Rxc7 44.e5 Qb2+ 45.Ke3 Qb3+ 46.Kf2 Rc2+ 47.Kg1 Qb1#)* 42.Bg3 Kg4 *(42...Qxd4 43.Bf2 Qxe4+ 44.Kf1 Re8 45.Kg1 Qb1+ 46.Kh2 Kg4 47.Bh4 gxh4 48.g3 Re2#)* 43.Bf2 Rh8 44.Kf1 Rh1+ 45.Bg1 Nc3 46.e5 Qe2#]

37.Nf5+ Kf8 38.Qa8+ Qe8 39.Qxb7



Rxh2+! Black mates. **40.Kxh2**
[40.Kg1 Rxg2+]
40...Qh5+ 41.Kg1



Bf2+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.46
0-1

A08
□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
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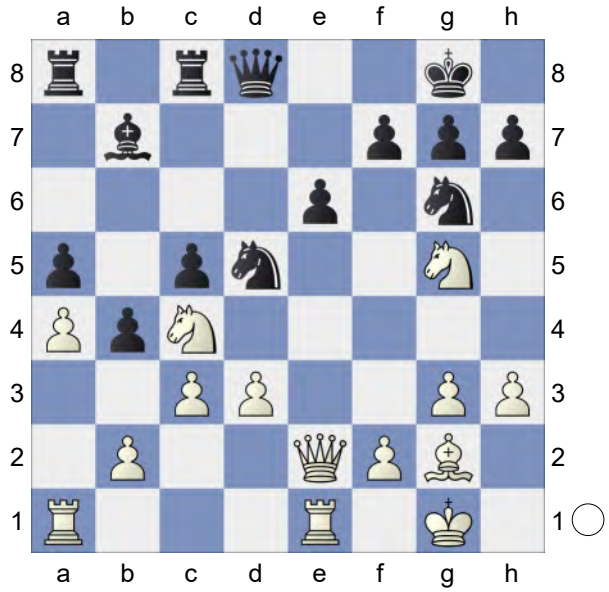
[Kitty Kat]

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7 5.d3 c5
[5...0-0 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Nc4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Nxe4 11.Nfxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Nf6 13.Nc4 c6 Grube,J (2798)-C 06/32 (2784) 54/(17) Podolsk 1991]
[5...b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.Re1 Nbd7 8.c3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.b3 a5 11.a4 e5 12.Bb2 c5 13.e4 d4 14.Nc4 Bf8 15.h3 Ba6 16.Ncd2 Rc8 17.c4 g6 18.Rf1 Bh6 19.Rae1 Rf8 20.Bc1 0-1 Harika,D (2539)-Tan,Z (2502) World-ch (Women) k.o. Teheran 2017 (5.9)]
6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4N
[7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 Qc7 9.e4 d4 10.a4 e5 11.h3 h6 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Qe2 a6 14.Nh2 Qd7 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.f4 b5 17.Nd2 Nh7 18.f5 Bd7 19.Ra1 bxa4 20.bxa4 Rab8 ½-½ Mueller,H (1873)-Alefs,H (1689) Bayern-ch Seniors 17th Schloss Schney 2005 (5)]
7...0-0 8.Re1 Qc7 9.c3 b5 10.Nf1 -0.13/22
[⌓10.exd5 0.30/22 exd5 11.Nf1]
10...Bb7 11.Qe2 -0.42/19
[11.Bf4= -0.03/19 Qb6 12.e5]
11...Rfc8 0.00/22
[11...d4∓ -0.42/19]
12.h3 -0.55/19
[12.exd5= 0.00/22 Nxd5 13.c4 bxc4 14.dxc4]
12...a5 0.00/22
[12...d4∓ -0.55/19]
13.Bg5 -0.47/22
[13.exd5= 0.00/22 Nxd5 14.c4 bxc4 15.dxc4]
13...Qd8 -0.03/22
[13...a4∓ -0.47/22]
14.exd5= Qxd5 15.a4 b4 16.Ne3 Qd8 17.Nc4 Nd5 0.16/24
[⌓17...h6 -0.25/24 18.Bd2 Ra7]
18.Bxe7 Ncxe7 3.31/20
[18...Qxe7= 0.07/20 and Black is okay. 19.Qc2 Qc7]
19.Ng5!+- Ng6



20.Nxf7 Remove Defender, Decoy
20...Qf6 21.Ncd6? 0.76/22
[21.Qxe6+- 3.49/23 Qxe6 Remove Defender *(21...Qxf7? 22.Qxf7+ Kxf7 23.Nd6+ Kg8 24.c4+-)* 22.Rxe6 Kxf7 23.Rae1]
21...Ndf4± Discovered Attack **22.gxf4 Bxg2 23.Qg4** 0.03/17 White is more active.
[23.Nxc8?! Nxf4 24.Qe5 Qxf7±]
[23.Qxe6?! Qxe6 24.Rxe6 Nxf4±]
[White should play 23.f5!± 1.29/23 exf5 24.Nxc8 *(24.Kxg2? Nf4+ 25.Kh1 Nxe2-+)* 24...Rxc8 25.Ng5 bxc3 26.bxc3]
23...Nxf4= 24.Nxc8 Black must now

prevent Ng5. A dynamic duo of knights.
24...h5
[24...Rxc8 25.Ng5 Bd5 26.Ne4 *(26.c4 Nxd3 27.cxd5 Qxf2+ 28.Kh1 Qxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Nf2+ 30.Kg2 Nxg4=)*]
25.Qg3 h4 26.Qe3 -1.24/20
[26.Qg4!= 0.22/24 Bxh3 *(26...Rxc8 27.Ng5±; 26...Kxf7 27.Nd6+ Kg8 28.Ne4±)* 27.Qg5 Rxc8 *(27...Qxf7? 28.Ne7+ Kf8 29.Qxf4+-)* 28.Qxf6 gxf6 29.Nd6]
26...Rxc8∓ 27.Ne5 Bxh3 -0.16/24
[27...Nxh3+? 28.Kxg2 Nf4+ 29.Kh1+-]
[27...Qf5!∓ -1.03/21 ...bxc3 is the strong threat. 28.Nc4 Bd5 *(28...Nxh3+? 29.Kxg2 Nf4+ 30.Kh2+-; 28...Bxh3 29.Kh2∓)*]
28.Kh2= Ng2 29.Ng4 -0.67/22 **Bxg4∓ 30.Kxg2 Rf8** -0.24/20
[30...Rd8!∓ -0.81/21 Strongly threatening ...Qg6. 31.Kg1 bxc3 32.bxc3 Rd5 *(32...Qxc3 33.Rac1±)*]
31.Rg1!= bxc3 -0.68/16 White is weak on the light squares
[31...b3= -0.11/24]
32.bxc3∓ Qxc3 aiming for ...Rf3.
33.Rac1 Really sharp! **33...Qb2** Hoping for ...Rf3. **34.Rxc5 Bf3+?** 2.96/21
[34...h3+= -0.11/20 35.Kh1 Rxf2 36.Rxg4 *(36.Rc8+? Kh7-+)* 36...Rf1+ 37.Qg1 Rxg1+ 38.Rxg1 Qb3]

(Diagram)

35.Kh3!+- Bd5

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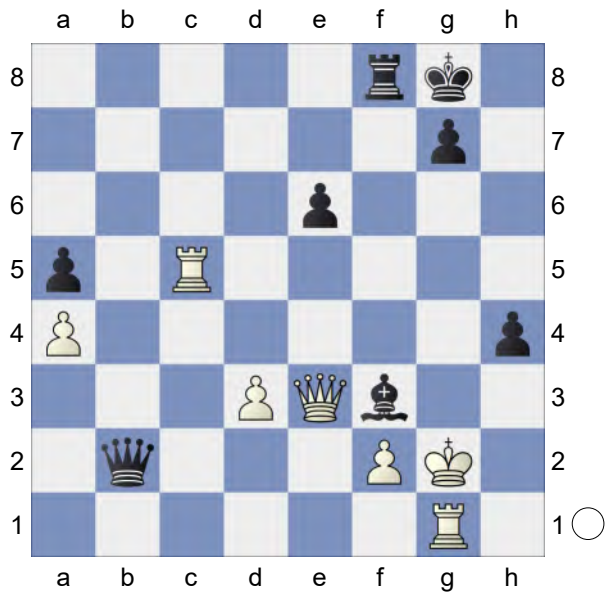
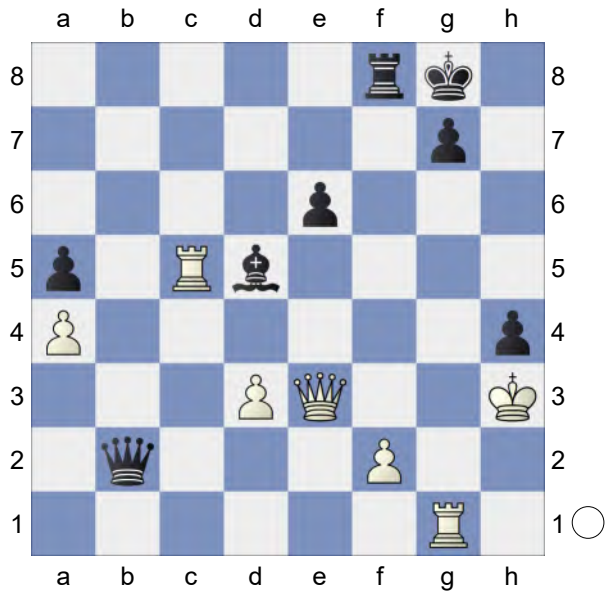




...Rf3+ would now be deadly. **36.Rxd5?** 0.00/34 **exd5=** The position is equal.
37.Qe6+ Rf7 38.Qe8+ Rf8 39.Qe6+ Rf7
[Reject 39...Kh8 40.Rg5 Rf3+ *(40...g6? 41.Rxg6+-)* 41.Kg4± *(41.Kxh4* gets mated. *Qxf2+)*]
40.Qe8+ Rf8 41.Qe6+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.41
½-½

B06
□ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
■ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
ch-USA w 2024 (9.5) 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence Cherniaev,A: 'Inf 72/103' Current Reputation: Playable for both sides **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Qb6 5.Nf3 d5! 6.e5 h5N** 0.92/22

[6...Bg4⩲ 0.56/22 7.Be2

A) 7...Nh6 8.Na4 *(8.Ng5 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 c5 10.dxc5 Qxc5 11.Qd3 0-0 12.c3 Rc8 13.Be3 Qc4 14.Qxc4 Rxc4 15.0-0-0 e6 16.b3 Rc7 17.Kb2 Nc6 18.h3 Nf5 19.Bf2* Modern Defense,C-Bishop Three Pawns Attack 290 Linz 2014 *)* 8...Qa5+ 9.c3 Bxf3 *(9...Nd7 10.b4 Qc7 11.Be3 Nf5 12.Bf2 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 h5 14.h3 h4 15.Bg4 e6 16.0-0 Bf8 17.Nb2 Be7 18.Nd3 Nb6 19.Qe2 a5 20.a3 Kf8 21.Rfb1 Kg7 22.Ne1 Nc4 23.Nf3 Ng3 24.Bxg3* 1-0 Perry,R (2398)-Woelfelschneider,P (2486) NED-ch20 corr 1990 (4)*)* 10.Bxf3 Nd7 11.b4 Qc7 12.0-0 a5 13.Be3 Nf5 14.Bf2 h5 15.Nc5 axb4 16.Nxd7 Kxd7 17.cxb4 Ra3 18.b5 e6 19.bxc6+ bxc6 20.Qd2 Qa5 21.Qb2 Rc8 22.Bd1 0-1 Tauber,R (2558)-Sousa,M (2492) Amato mem corr 1982 (8);

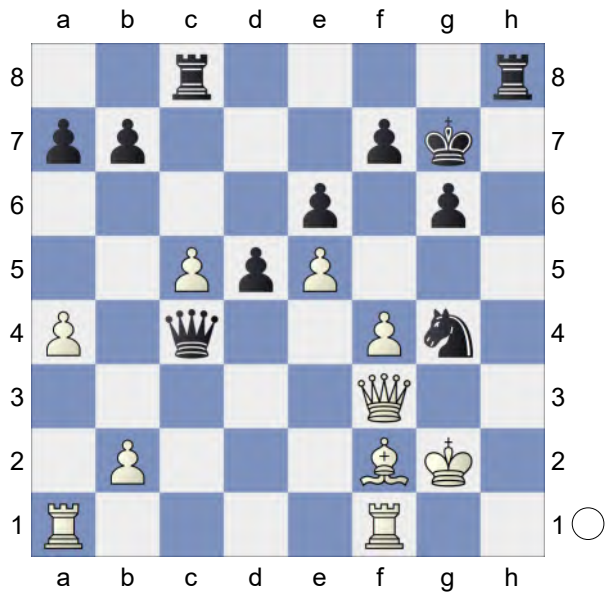
B) 7...Bxf3 8.Bxf3 e6 9.Na4 Qc7 10.b3 Nd7 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Ba3 Nf5 13.Qd2 h5 14.c4 dxc4 15.bxc4 Nb6 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.Bb2 Rd8 18.Qf2 0-0 19.Be4 Ne7 20.Ba3 Rd7 21.Bd6 Rxd6 1-0 Cherniaev,A (2465)-Hodgson,J (2575) 72/103 Blackpool 1998 22.exd6 Qxd6 23.Rad1 Qb4 24.Qe2 Re8 25.Kh1 Nc8 26.Bd3 Kf8 27.Qc2 Ne7 28.Be4 Ng8 29.Rb1 Qa5 30.Rfd1 Ne7 31.Qb3 Nc8 32.Bf3 Qf5 33.g3 h4 34.Qd3 Qxd3 35.Rxd3 hxg3 36.hxg3 Rd8 1-0 Cherniaev,A (2455)-Masachs Vendrell,F Manresa op 1997 (2)]

7.Na4 Qa5+ 8.c3 White is better.
8...Nh6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nc5 Qc7 11.Be2 0.69/23 White is more active.
[11.h3± 1.11/23 Bxf3 12.Qxf3]
11...Nd7 12.Nd3 e6 13.Ng5 0.39/26
[13.0-0± 0.79/23]
13...Nf5⩲ 14.Bf2 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Bf8 16.a4 Be7 17.Nf3 Kf8 18.g3 c5 19.0-0 Kg7 20.h3 cxd4 21.cxd4 Rac8 22.g4 hxg4 23.hxg4 Nh6 24.Nd2 -0.33/22
[Better is 24.Nfe1!⩲ 0.55/22]
24...Qb6 0.06/20
[24...Qa5∓ -0.33/22 might be stronger. 25.Nb3 Qa6]
25.Kg2= Bb4 0.57/23
[25...Qa6= 0.09/22 is superior.]
26.Nb3⩲ Qa6 27.Qf3 0.10/23
[White should try 27.Qd1⩲ 0.67/18]
27...Qc4 0.70/21
[Black should play 27...Nxg4= 0.10/23 28.Nxb4 Qc4 29.Qxg4 Qxb3]
28.Nbc5 -0.23/22
[28.Nbc1⩲ 0.70/21 Be7 29.Rd1]
28...Nxc5!= 29.Nxc5 Bxc5 30.dxc5 Nxg4

(Diagram)

Deflection **31.Qxg4** The position is equal. **31...Qe4+! 32.Kg3!** aiming for Rae1.

[32.Qf3 Rh2+ 33.Kxh2 *(33.Kg3 Rh3+* Skewer, Deflection *34.Kxh3*

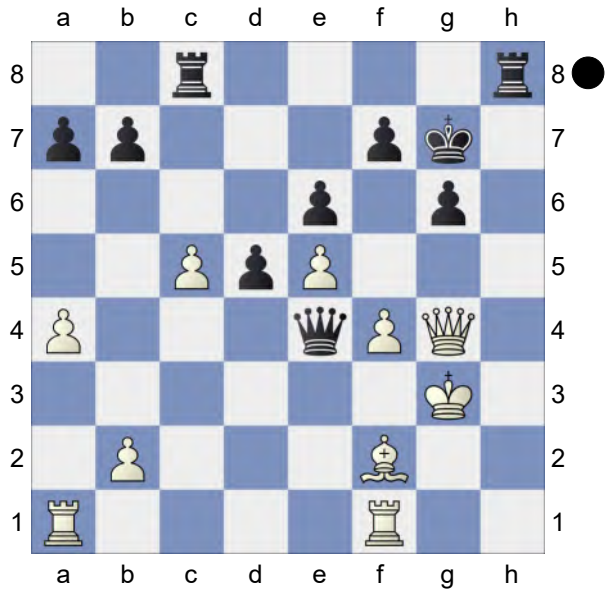


Qxf3+ 35.Kh2 Rh8+) 33...Qxf3-+]

32...Qd3+! **33.Kg2!** Hoping for Rh1.

33...Qe4+! **34.Kg3!**

[Don't blunder 34.Qf3? Rh2+ 35.Kxh2 *(35.Kg3 Rh3+* Skewer, Deflection *36.Kxh3 Qxf3+ 37.Kh2 Rh8+)* 35...Qxf3-+]



Black must now prevent Rae1.

34...Qd3+! **35.Kg2!** Rh1 would now be deadly. **35...Qe4+!** **36.Kg3!** And now Rae1 would win.

[Wrong is 36.Qf3? Rh2+ 37.Kxh2 *(37.Kg3 is a self mate. Rh3+* Skewer, Deflection *38.Kxh3 Qxf3+ 39.Kh2 Rh8+)* 37...Qxf3-+]

36...Qd3+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

D02

□ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**

■ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**

ch-USA w 2024 (9.6) 21.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 Browne, W: 'Inf 33/490' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N**

[3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Qa4+ b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1 Bc6 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Nc6 Qb5 14.Nxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Qd7 16.Bc3 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 f6 1-0 Browne,W-Sosonko,G Denpasar 33/490 Surakarta 1982 18.f3 e5 19.Bc4 Bc5 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Rd2 Rhd8 22.Rhd1 Rxd2+ 23.Rxd2 g5 24.Bd5 Bc8 25.a3 Bd7 26.Bc4 Rb6 27.Ba5 Bb5 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.b4 Bd6 30.e4 Ke6 31.Kd3 h5 32.h3 Rb8 1-0 Comas,F-Martens,M (ol) 38/241 Thessaloniki 1984]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

[3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4

c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nc3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Nc6 10.Be3 Bf6 11.Qd3 Qa5 12.Rfd1 Rd8 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 g6 15.Qf3 Qc7 16.dxc5 Rxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Ne5 1-0 Venskaya,N (1871)-Sovetbekova,N (1940) Swiss Queens Wed #39 FIDE Online Arena INT blitz 2024 (9)]

3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Ne5 0-0 6.Nd2 c5 7.c3 b6 0.40/22

[7...c4= 0.01/19 is more appropriate.]

8.Bd3 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.h4 Ne4 0.97/23

[10...Rc8= 0.19/22 remains equal.]

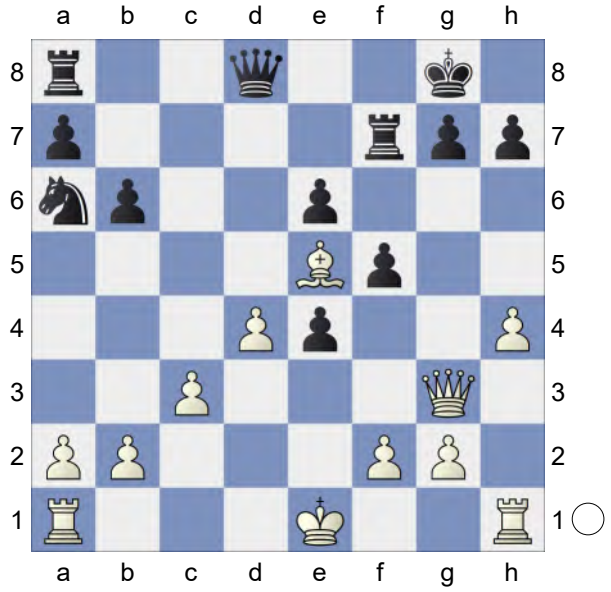
11.Nxe4± dxe4 12.Qg4 cxd4 13.exd4 f5 14.Qg3 Bxe5 1.15/22

[14...Nc7± 0.37/23]

15.Bxe5

[Not 15.dxe5 Nc5 16.0-0 Qe8∓ *(16...Nd3 17.f3∓)*]

15...Rf7



Black is weak on the dark squares

16.0-0 0.78/22

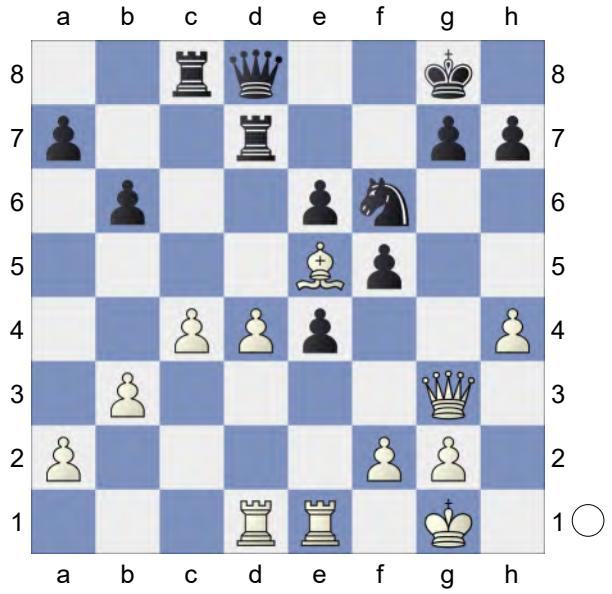
[⊿16.f3! 1.18/22]

16...Nc7 17.c4 Dodges Nd5 **17...Ne8 18.Rad1** 0.36/22

[18.b4± 0.89/22]

18...Nf6± 19.Rfe1 Rc8 20.b3 Rd7 0.84/19

[20...h6= 0.25/22]



21.Re2 0.06/22 White is more active.

[21.f3!± 0.84/19]

21...Ng4= 22.Red2 Nxe5

[22...b5 is more complex. 23.f3 exf3 24.gxf3 Nxe5 25.Qxe5 bxc4 26.Qxe6+ Kh8]

23.Qxe5 Qf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6 Endgame. KRR-KRR. The position is equal. **25.d5 Rcd8 26.g3 exd5 27.cxd5 Rc8 28.Kf1 Kf7 29.Ke2 Ke7 30.Ke3 Rc3+ 31.Kd4 Rc5 32.Ke3** Hoping for Kf4. **32...Rc3+ 33.Kd4 Rc5 34.Ke3 Rc3+ 35.Kd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

½-½

B32
□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
■ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**
ch-USA w 2024 (10.1) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations Here is another game where White foolishly captures the pawn on d6 in the opening. The consequences are catastrophic. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Nd5** Hoping for Be3. **8...Nf6 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6 10.Nc4** White is slightly better. **10...0-0 11.Nxd6** -0.16/23

[Better is 11.c3± 0.42/20]

[11.Be3 b5 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.Qd2 Ne7 15.Bd3 d5 16.h4 Qd6 17.f3 Rfd8 18.Rd1 Qe6 19.Qe2 dxe4 20.fxe4 Qxa2 21.0-0 Bxh4 22.c4 Ng6 23.cxb5 axb5 24.Bxb5 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Qb3 Ermolaev,A (2293)-Zakharevich,I (2472) 86/(69) Russia 2002]

[11.Qxd6 Qxd6 12.Nxd6 Nb4 13.Bd3 Rd8 14.Nc4 Rxd3 15.cxd3 Nc2+ 16.Ke2 Nxa1 17.Ne3 Be6 18.Bd2 Nc2 19.Nxc2 Bxa2 20.Bc3 Be6 21.Ra1 Bd7 22.Nb4 Rd8 23.Nd5 Bc6 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 ½-½ 13. ♗g5 ♖c5 14.g4 hg4 (1922)-Southam,T (2226) European Club Cup, Antalya 2017 (5.8)]

11...Be6!= Strongly threatening ...Qc7. **12.c3! Qc7** ...Rad8 would now be deadly. **13.Nf5 Bxf5N**

[13...Rad8 seems wilder. 14.Qg4 Qa5 15.Be2 Nd4 16.Bd1 Nxf5 17.exf5 Rxd1+ 18.Kxd1 h5 19.Qxh5 Bc4 7. Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.Nd5-Kalashnikov 6.N1c3 - 8.Nd5 wi]

[13...Rfd8 14.Qf3 Qa5 15.Be2 Bxf5 16.exf5 e4 17.Qh5 Bxc3+ 18.Kf1 Bd2 19.g3 g6 20.fxg6 Qxh5 21.Bxh5 hxg6 22.Bd1 Bxc1 23.Rxc1 Rd2 24.Bc2 e3 25.fxe3 Ne5 26.Be4 Rad8 27.h3 Rxb2 28.Rg1 Model Games-Corrales Jimenez Fidel Vs Al,H]

14.exf5 e4 Inhibits Bd3. **15.Be2 Qa5 16.0-0 Qxf5 17.Bg4 Qa5 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd7 Re7 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Re1 Rae8 22.Be3 Be5 23.b4**

[23.Qxe4? Bxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Rxe4-+]

23...Qc7 24.h3 f5 25.Bc5 Re6 26.Qb3 Qf7 27.Rad1 Bb8 -0.04/24

[27...h6∓ -0.46/25]

28.Qc4 h5 29.Rd4

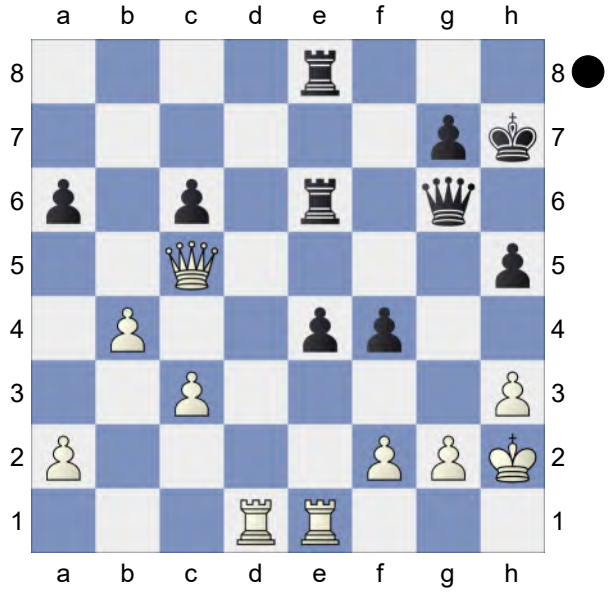
[29.Qxa6 Qc7 30.Kf1 Qh2]

29...Kh7 30.Bd6 Prevents Qc7. **30...Ba7**

[30...Bxd6 31.Rxd6 Qg6 *(31...Qf6 32.Qxc6 Rxd6 33.Qxe8±)* 32.Rxe6 Rxe6 33.Qxa6=]

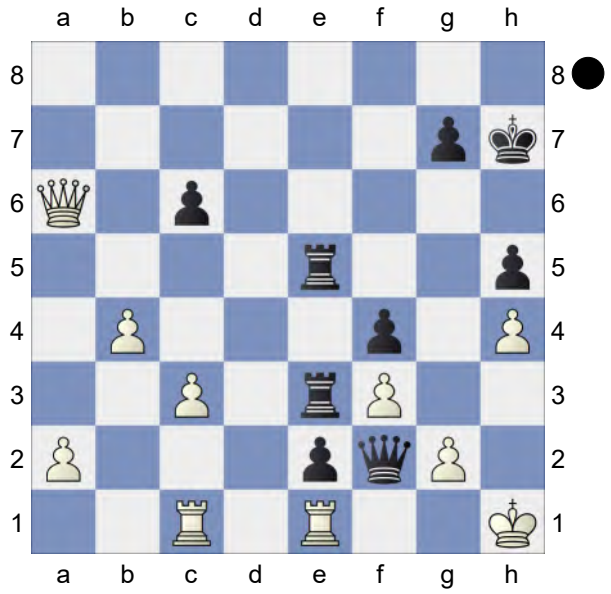
31.Bc5 Bxc5 32.Qxc5 Qg6 33.Kh2 f4 34.Rdd1? -2.86/19

[34.Qc4∓ -0.34/19]

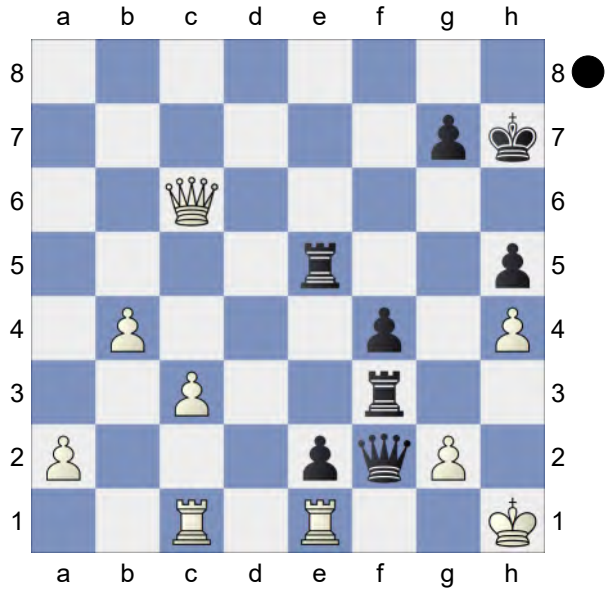


Now White is beyond hope. **34...e3!-+** aiming for ...Re5. **35.f3** -3.88/22

[35.a4 -2.69/23 keeps fighting.]
35...e2 36.Rc1 Re3 37.Kh1 R8e5 38.Qc4 Qg3 ...Re6 is the strong threat.
39.Qxa6? -8.23/21
[39.a3 -3.00/22]
39...Qf2 (→ ...Rxf3!) **40.h4**



Rxf3! 41.Qxc6
[41.Rxe2 Rxe2]

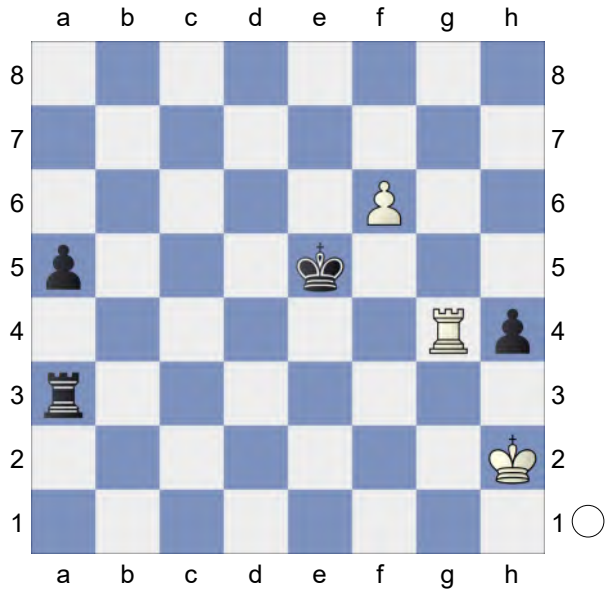


41...Qxe1+!! -13.75/20 **42.Rxe1 Rf1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

D07
□ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
■ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim** **2374**
ch-USA w 2024 (10.2) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D07: Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defence
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxe7 Ngxe7 7.e3 0-0 8.Be2N White is slightly better.
[8.Bd3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 *(9.Qxf3 Nb4 10.Bb1 dxc4 11.Qxb7 Nbd5 12.Qa6 c5 13.Qxc4 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 cxd4 15.exd4 Rc8 16.Qd2 Qb6 17.0-0 Rfd8* #5 Chapter 4: 3.Nf3 - Bg5 System-3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 with 5.Bg5*)* 9...Nb4 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 c5 12.dxc5 Qa5 #2 Chapter 4: 3.Nf3 - Bg5 System-3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 with 5. Bg5]
[8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nb4 10.Qd1 c5 11.dxc5 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Qa5 13.0-0 Qxc5 #1 Chapter 4: 3.Nf3 - Bg5 System-3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 with 5.Bg5]
8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.d5 Nb8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nc8 Black is weak on the light squares **13.Bd3** Qf5 is the strong threat. **13...Nd7 14.0-0 Nd6 15.e4 a6 16.Rac1 Rc8 17.Rc2 c5 18.dxc6 Rxc6 19.Rd1 Nc5 20.Qg3 Qe8 21.Rcd2 Qe6 22.Qe3** aiming for Be2. **22...h6 23.Be2** Black must now prevent Rxd6! **23...Nc4 24.Bxc4 Qxc4 25.Rd5 Re8 26.Rd8 Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Kh7 28.Rd5 Na4 29.Nxa4 Qxa4=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **30.a3 Qc2 31.Rxe5 Qxb2 32.Re7 Qc1+**
[32...Rc3!? 33.Qf4□ Qc1+ 34.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 35.Kh2 Rc4±]
33.Qxc1 Rxc1+ KR-KR **34.Kh2 f6 35.Rxb7 Rc3 36.Ra7 Rxa3 37.g4 a5 38.h4 h5 39.g5 fxg5 40.hxg5 Kg6 41.f4 h4 42.f5+ Kxg5 43.Rxg7+ Kf4**

44.f6 Kxe4 45.Rg4+
[45.f7!? Rf3□ 46.Rh7=]
45...Ke5? 5.59/32
[45...Kd5!= 0.04/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]



A mistake that costs the game.
46.Rf4!!+- Kxf4 KR-KP **47.f7 Kg4** (→ ...Rf3)
[47...Ra2+ 48.Kh3 Ke3 *(48...Ra3+? 49.Kxh4 Ra4 50.f8Q++-)* 49.f8Q *(49.f8B? Kf4-+)*]
48.f8Q KQ-KR
[48.f8B Rd3 49.Bg7 a4 50.Kh1 h3 *(50...Kh3 51.Kg1 Rg3+ 52.Kh1 a3 53.Bh8 Rg2 54.Be5 Re2 55.Bc3 Re3 56.Bd4 Re1+ 57.Bg1 Re4 58.Bf2 a2 59.Bb6)* 51.Be5 a3 52.Kg1 Kf3 53.Kh2 a2 54.Bh8 Rd1 55.Bg7 a1Q *(55...a1B 56.Bh6 Be5+ 57.Bf4 Bxf4+ 58.Kxh3 Rh1#)* 56.Bxa1 Rxa1 57.Kxh3 Rh1#]
48...Rg3 49.Qc8+ Kh5 50.Qe8+ Kg4 51.Qa4+ Kh5 52.Qxa5+ Kg6 53.Qd8 Kh5 54.Qe8+ Kg5 55.Qe4 Kh5 56.Qf4 Rg5 57.Qf7+ Kg4 58.Qc4+ Kh5 59.Qe2+ Kg6 60.Kh3 Rh5 61.Qe6+ Kg7 62.Kg4 White mates.
62...Rh6 63.Qe7+ Kg6 64.Qe8+ Kf6 65.Qf8+ Kg6 66.Qg8+ 8.56/5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
[⌓66.Qf5+ #28/23 Kg7 67.Kg5 Ra6 68.Qd7+ *(68.Kxh4 Rf6+-)* 68...Kf8 69.Qc8+ *(69.Kxh4 Rg6+-)* 69...Ke7 70.Qxa6 h3 71.Qa3+ *(71.Qf6+ Kd7 72.Qf5+ Kc6 73.Qxh3 Kb6 74.Qf5 Kc6 75.Kf6 Kc7)* 71...Ke6 72.Qxh3+ Kd5 73.Qc3]
1-0

B43
□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
■ **Krush,Irina** **2388**
ch-USA w 2024 (10.3) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Bc5** 0.87/20
[6...Nc6± 0.42/21 7.Nxc6 bxc6]
[6...Nf6± 0.47/22]
7.Nb3± Ba7N 1.65/19
[Black should try 7...Be7 0.98/20
A) 8.0-0 0.47/18 8.Qg4 0.97 Nf6 9.f4 d6 10.e5 Nfd7 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Ne4 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 Nf6 14.Qf3 Nbd7 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Bd4 0-0 1.06/18 *(16...Nxe4!± 0.54/20 17.Qxe4 Bf6)* 17.Nbd2 0.52/21 *(17.Rae1± 1.06/18)* 17...Rd8 1.11/19 *(17...Nxe4± 0.52/21 18.Nxe4 f5)* 18.Qh3 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Strongly threatening Ng5. Nf8 20.Qe3! Rd5 21.Nc3 Rh5 22.Qf3 0.36/19 *(22.Bb6± 0.94/21 Qb8 23.Be4)* 22...Ra5? 2.60/21 ;1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2706)-8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘e1_63287 (2440) E1) 9.Qd2 2006 (1.9) *(22...Rh6±*

0.36/19) 23.a3 Bc5 24.Be5 Bd6 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.b4 Rd5 27.Nxd5 exd5 28.Rad1 a5 29.Bc4 axb4 30.Bxd5 Qc5 31.axb4 Qxb4 32.f5 Ra3 33.Bxf7+ Kxf7 34.Qd5+ 1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2706)-8.d5 ♘e7 9.♘e1_63287 (2440) E1) 9.Qd2 2006 (1.9);

B) 8.Qg4 g6

B1) 9.Bg5 h5 1.15/21 *(⌓9...b5 0.79/22)* 10.Qh4± d6 11.0-0-0 Nc6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qg3 h4 14.Qe3 43/20-N,N 2001;

B2) 9.Qe2 d6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.f4 Ngf6 12.Bd2 b6 13.Rae1 Bb7 14.e5 Nh5 15.f5 dxe5 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Qg4 0.49/20 *(17.Bh6± 0.91/18)* 17...Nhf6 Prevents Be4 18.Qxe6 Qc6 Wards off Ne4 19.Qxc6 0.51/18 *(19.Qh3!± 1.01/21)* 19...Bxc6⩲ 20.Ne4 0.09/25 *(20.h3⩲ 0.54/21)* 20...Nxe4= 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Rf8 Fontaine,R (2562)-Brittner,S (2274) 103/(367) 2007 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Bc3 Bd6 25.g3 Rc8 Fontaine,R (2562)-Brittner,S (2274) 103/(367) 2007;

C) 8.f4 d6 9.Qg4 Bf6 1.02/17 *(9...g6!⩲ 0.41/20)* 10.0-0 0.58/19 *(Better is 10.Bd2± 1.02/17)* 10...Nc6 11.Be3 Nge7 12.a4 43/20-N,N 2001]

[7...Bf8± 0.79/24]

8.Qg4+- **Kf8** **9.Bf4** White is clearly better. White is clearly better. **9...d6** **10.Qe2** 0.80/22

[10.Qg3!+- 1.66/23 e5 11.Be3 0.97/20 *(11.Nd5!+- 1.63/22 Qd8 12.Bg5)*]

[10.Qg3!+- 1.68/20 is more deadly. e5 11.Be3]

10...Ne7 **11.0-0-0** **e5** 1.23/20

[⌓11...Nbc6 0.83/21]

[⌓11...Nbc6 0.86/20]

12.Bg3 0.78/21

[Better is 12.Bd2 1.24/19]

[⌓12.Bd2 1.23/20]

12...h5± **13.h4** 0.39/22

[13.h3!± 0.91/19]

[13.h3!± 0.82/21]

13...Be6 **14.Qd2** **Nbc6** **15.Rhf1** 0.12/22

[15.f4⩲ 0.70/22]

[15.f4⩲ 0.69/20]

15...Nb4= **16.f4** -0.31/22

[16.Be2!⩲ 0.31/23]

[16.Be2!⩲ 0.46/21]

16...Nxd3+!∓ **17.cxd3** **Nc6** 0.11/21

[17...Bg4∓ -0.42/20]

18.Kb1= **f6** 0.36/20

[18...exf4= 0.00/22 19.Bxf4 *(19.Qxf4 Rh6=)* 19...Kg8]

19.Nd5 -0.20/22

[19.Bf2!⩲ 0.36/20]

[19.Bf2⩲ 0.35/21]

19...Qf7 **20.Nb4** **a5** 0.23/20

[20...Kg8∓ -0.32/23]

[Black should play 20...Kg8 -0.27/25]

21.Nxc6 **bxc6** **22.fxe5** **dxe5** Threatens to win with ...a4. **23.Bxe5** With the idea Qc3. **23...a4↑** Black has some pressure. **24.Nc1** -0.21/22

[⌓24.Na5! 0.19/22]

24...Kg8= Black has compensation.

25.Bc3 -0.70/21

[25.Qc2= -0.18/20 feels stronger.]

[25.Qc2= -0.17/25]

25...Rh6!∓ Black has compensation. **26.d4** **Bc4** **27.Rf5** **Re8** **28.Qc2** **Rg6** **29.Qxa4** **Rxg2** White must now prevent ...Bb5.

[29...Rxe4 0.13/18 29...Rxg2 -0.58 30.Qxc6 Rgg4 31.g3= *(31.b3!? Be6□ 32.Ra5 Bxd4 33.Rxd4 Rxd4*

34.Bxd4 Rxd4 35.g3 Qg6+ 36.Ka1∓)]

30.Qxc6 Strongly threatening d5.

30...Be6 31.Ra5 Bb8 32.Ra8 Bd7!

33.Qb7 -1.25/21

[33.Qa6∓ -0.55/23]

[White should try 33.Qb6 -0.81/23 Bh2 34.Rxe8+ Qxe8 35.e5]

33...Bg3 0.07/23

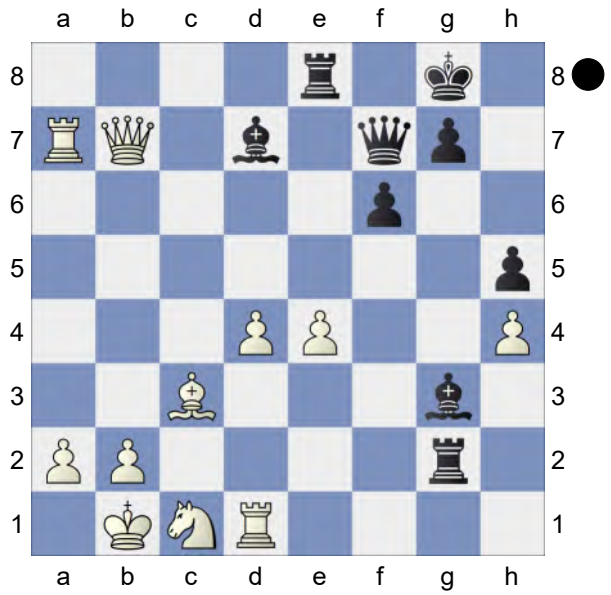
[33...Bg4∓ -1.17/25 34.Qxf7+ Kxf7]

[33...Bg4∓ -1.25/21 34.Qxf7+ Kxf7]

34.Ra7 -1.51/24

[34.Nd3= 0.00/21]

[34.Nd3= 0.07/23]



34...Be6 -0.03/22 Black is much more active. This pair of bishops is nice. A strong pair of Bishops.

[Black should play 34...Bb8!∓ -1.00/23

A) 35.Qxd7? -1.80/18 35.Ra8 -1.42 Bxa7 36.Qxf7+ -2.46/19 *(36.Qf5* -1.85/19 is a better defense.*)* 36...Kxf7-+;

B) 35.Ra8 Bg4 36.Qxf7+ Kxf7]

[34...Bb8!∓ -1.51/24 35.Ra8 *(35.Qxd7? Bxa7 36.Qxf7+ Kxf7-+)* 35...Bg4 36.Qxf7+ Kxf7]

35.Qc6 -0.39/21

[35.Qxf7+= 0.00/24 Bxf7 36.Ka1? -2.23/19 *(36.d5!=* -0.20/18 and White stays safe. *Bg6 37.d6 Bxe4+ 38.Ka1)*]

35...Qg6 ...Bg4! is the strong threat.

36.Ka1! Hoping for d5. **36...Bg4** 0.10/19

[36...Bb8∓ -0.36/23 37.Ra4? -2.14/21 *(37.Rb7!=* -0.21/23 *Bf7 38.e5 fxe5 39.d5)* 37...Kh7!]

[36...Bb8∓ -0.40/23 37.Ra8 Bf7]

37.e5!= Rf2 0.70/17

[37...Rxb2? 3.25/21 37...Rc2 0.09 38.Bxb2 Bxd1 39.exf6! gxf6 40.d5!+-]

[37...Rc2!= 0.20/23 keeps the balance. 38.Rh1 -0.26/18 *(⌓38.Rf1* 0.28/23 *Rc8 39.Qb7)* 38...Rc8!= 39.Qd5+ Kh7]

[37...Rxb2? 38.Bxb2 Bxd1 39.exf6 gxf6 40.d5+-]

[37...Rc2= 0.26/23 is more appropriate. 38.Rh1 Rc8 39.Qd5+ Kh7 40.exf6 Qxf6 41.Qe4+ Bf5]

38.Rg1± Bxh4 2.17/22

[38...Bh2± 0.82/22 might work better. 39.Rg2 Rxg2 40.Qxg2 Threatens to win with exf6. Bf4 41.exf6! Qxf6]

[38...Rc8± 0.79/22 39.Qa6 *(39.Qd5+ Kh7=)* 39...Qe4 *(39...Qc2? 40.Qb7+-)*]

39.d5? 0.00/22

[39.Qd5++- 1.98/21 Kh7 40.Qh1!]

[39.Qd5++- 2.17/22 Kh8 40.Qh1]

39...Rf8? 3.57/17

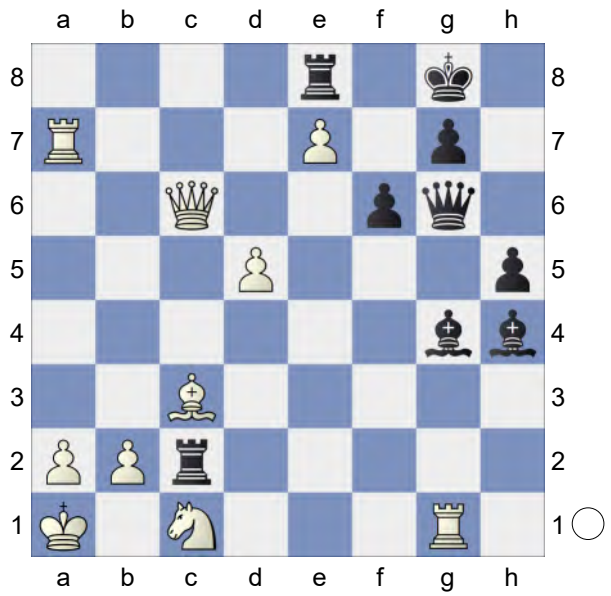
[39...Kh7!= 0.00/20]

[39...Kh7!= 0.00/22 and Black is okay.]

40.e6+- Rc2 41.e7 Re8

(Diagram)

42.Nd3! Deflection, Promotion **42...Kh7**



aiming for ...Bf2! **43.Nf4** Deflection **43...Qe4** **44.Qxe8** Threatening mate with Ra8! White threatens Qf7 and mate. **44...Qxf4** **45.a3** **Rxc3** **46.bxc3** Ra8 would now be deadly. Ra8 is the strong threat. **46...Qe3** **47.Qc6??** -6.85/30

[47.Rxg4? 0.00/50 47.Qb8 5.85 Qc1+ 48.Ka2 Threatening mate with Qg6+. Qc2+ 49.Ka1 Qc1+ 50.Ka2 Qc2+ 51.Ka1 Qxc3+ *(51...Qc1+ 52.Ka2=)* 52.Kb1 Qb3+ 53.Ka1 Qc3+ 54.Kb1 Qb3+ 55.Ka1 Qc3+=]

[47.Qb8+- 5.46/23 Qxg1+ 48.Qb1+ Qxb1+ Remove Defender 49.Kxb1 Bf5+ 50.Kb2]

[47.Rxg4 Qc1+ 48.Ka2 Qc2+ 49.Ka1 Qxc3+ 50.Kb1 Qb3+ 51.Kc1 Qc3+ 52.Kd1 Qd3+ 53.Kc1 Qc3+ 54.Kb1 Qb3+ 55.Kc1 Qc3+=]

[47.Qb8+- 5.87/23 Qxg1+ 48.Qb1+ Qxb1+ Remove Defender 49.Kxb1 Bf5+ 50.Kb2]

47...Qxg1+-+ **48.Kb2** **Bf5?** 0.00/21

[48...Qf2+-+ -5.77/20 49.Kb3 Bd1+ 50.Kc4 Qe2+ 51.Kb4 Qb2+ 52.Kc4 Qb3+ Deflection *(52...Bf2? 53.e8Q-+)* 53.Kc5 Qxc3+ 54.Kb6 Bf2+! *(54...Qe3+? 54...Bf2+ -4.04 55.Qc5=)* 0.84/16 55.Kb7 Qe3!]

[48...Qg2+-+ -6.40/24 49.Kb3 Bd1+ 50.Kc4 Qe2+ 51.Kb4 Qb2+ Deflection 52.Kc5 Qxc3+ 53.Kb6 Bf2+ *(53...Qe3+ 54.Qc5±)* 54.Kb7 Qe3]

49.Kb3!= **Qb1+** 1.42/23

[49...Bg6!= 0.00/23 50.e8Q Wards off Qxa7 *(50.e8R? 50.e8Q 0.00 perishes. Qxa7 51.Rd8 Be1-+)* -4.14/26 50...Qb1+ *(50...Bxe8 51.Qxe8 Qb1+ 52.Kc4=)* 51.Kc4 *(51.Ka4 Qc2+ 52.Kb4 Qb2+ 53.Kc4 Qa2+ 54.Kb4 Qe7 would kill now. Qb2+ 55.Ka4 White wants to mate with Qe7. Qc2+ 56.Kb4 Qb2+=)* 51...Qa2+ *(51...Bxe8 52.Qxe8 Qa2+ 53.Kb4=; 51...Qd3+? 51...Qa2+ 0.00 52.Kb4±)* 2.47/28 52.Kb4 Qb2+ 53.Kc4 Qa2+ 54.Kc5 aiming for Rxg7+! Bxe8 *(54...Bf2+ 55.Kd6=)* 55.Qxe8 Bf2+ 56.Kd6 Bxa7 57.Qxh5+ Kg8 58.Qe8+ Kh7 59.Qh5+ Kg8 60.Qe8+ Kh7 61.Qe4+ *(61.Qh5+ Kg8=)*

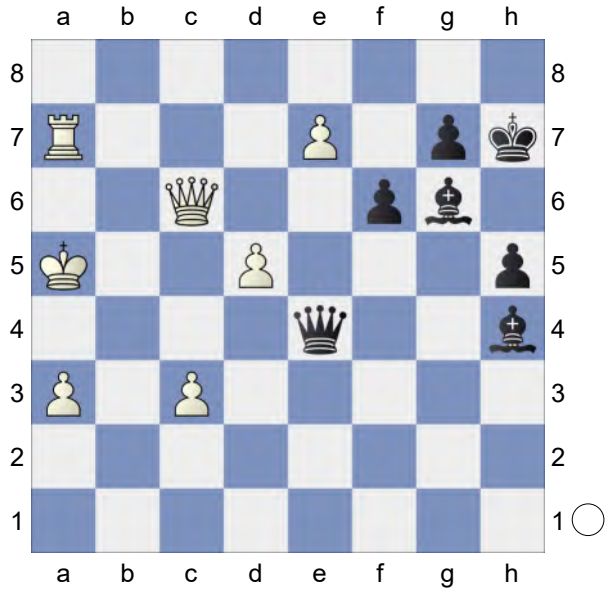
A) 61...Kh6 62.Qf4+ Kh7 63.Qe4+ Kh6 64.Qh4+ Kg6 65.Qg4+ Kh6 66.Qh4+ Kg6 67.Qg4+ Kh6 68.Qf4+ Kh5 ...Bb8+ would now be deadly. 69.Qf5+ Kh6 70.Qh3+ Kg5 *(70...Kg6!? 71.Qg4+□=)* 71.Qg3+ Kf5 (→ ...Bb8+) 72.Qf3+! Kg5 White must now prevent ... Qc4! 73.Qg3+ Kf5 And now ... Bb8+ would win. 74.Qf3+! Kg6 75.Qg4+=;

B) 61...Kh8 62.Qe8+ Kh7]

[49...Bg6!= 0.00/21 50.e8Q *(50.e8R? too greedy. Qxa7 51.Rd8 Be1-+)* 50...Qb1+ *(50...Bxe8 51.Qxe8 Qb1+ 52.Ka4=)* 51.Kc4

(51.Ka4 Qc2+ 52.Kb4 Qb2+ 53.Kc4 Qa2+ 54.Kb4 Qb2+ 55.Kc4 Qa2+ 56.Kc5 Bf2+ 57.Kd6 Bxe8=) 51...Qa2+ *(51...Bxe8 52.Qxe8 Qa2+ 53.Kb4=; 51...Qd3+ 52.Kb4±)* 52.Kb4 Qb2+ 53.Kc4 Qa2+ 54.Kc5 Bf2+ *(54...Bxe8 55.Qxe8 Bf2+ 56.Kd6=)* 55.Kd6 Bxe8 56.Qxe8 Bxa7 57.Qxh5+ Kg8 58.Qe8+ Kh7 59.Qh5+ Kg8 60.Qe8+ Kh7 61.Qh5+]

50.Ka4± Qe4+ 51.Ka5! Bg6



Hoping for ...f5. **52.Ra8?** -4.63/19

[52.Qd7!± 1.38/19 Kh6 1.75/17 *(52...Qg2± 1.34/20)*

(Diagram)

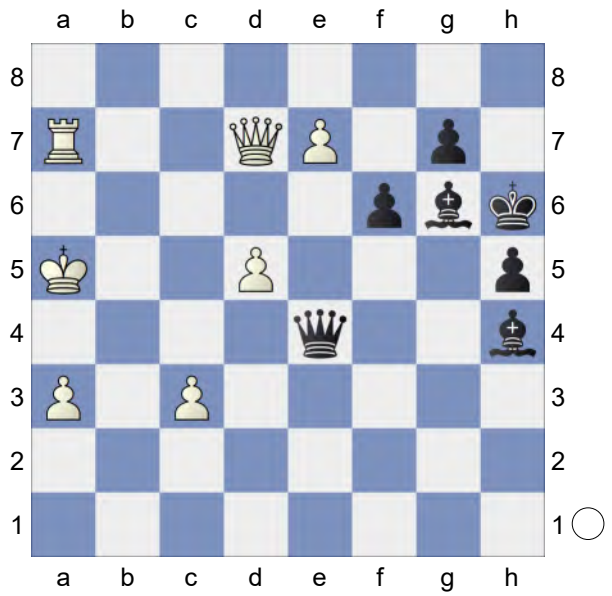
53.Ra8!]

[52.Qd7!± 1.30/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Kh6 53.Ra8]

52...Qxe7-+ 53.a4 Be1 54.Qc8 Kh6 Black is clearly winning. **55.Ka6** -7.71/21

[⌓55.Qc6 -4.03/16 Qe5 56.Ka6 Bxc3 *(56...Qxc3? 57.Qxc3 Bxc3 58.d6-+)* 57.d6 *(57.Rh8+? Kg5-+)*]

[⌓55.Qc6 -5.11/20 Qe5 56.Rh8+ Kg5 57.Kb4]



55...Bd3+ Black is clearly winning. **56.c4 Qb4 57.Qh8+ Bh7 58.Qc8 Qxa4+ 59.Kb7 Qb4+ 60.Ka6 Qa4+ 61.Kb7 Qb4+ 62.Ka6 Bf2 63.Qc7** Prevents Qb6+. Wards off Qb6+ **63...Bd3 64.Qf4+ Kh7 65.Qxf2 Bxc4+ 66.Ka7 Qa5+**

[66...Bxd5?? 2.18/16 66...Qa5+ -12.72 67.Qf5+ g6 68.Qxd5±]

[Inferior is 66...Bxd5 67.Qf5+ g6 68.Qxd5±]

67.Kb8 Qd8+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.55. Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.52

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□ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**

■ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**

ch-USA w 2024 (10.4) 22.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bb5+N**

[5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 *(6...c5 7.c3*

cxd4 8.cxd4 Nc6 9.Re1 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.Nc4 Ne8 12.Qb3 Kh8 13.Bd2 f5 14.Bb4 b5 15.Na5 Qb6 16.Rac1 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Rc6 Qd8 20.Bd2 Nf6 21.Rcc1 0-1 Mateuta,G (2520)-Fedorov,A (2555) 123/41 Romania 2014 *)* 7.Re1 e5 8.c3 Re8 9.a4 d5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Rxe5 12.f4 Re8 13.e5 Nd7 14.Nb3 f6 15.e6 Nf8 16.f5 gxf5 17.Nd4 Bxe6 18.Bf4 c6 19.Qb3 Qb6 0-1 Morozevich,A (2722)-Grischuk,A (2777) Moscow-ch Superfinal rapid 2014 (3)]

5...Nfd7 6.c3 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.Re1 White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.d5 Nce5 10.Ng5** 0.37/25

[10.Bf1± 0.81/22]

10...h6± 11.Nh3 Nb6 0.99/20

[11...Nf6= 0.27/21 remains equal.]

12.Nf4? -0.89/21

[12.f4!± 0.99/20 stays on course.]

12...c4∓ 13.h3 f5 -0.13/23

[13...a6∓ -0.81/19 14.Ba4 Nxa4 15.Qxa4 e6]

14.b3!= g5 15.Nh5 aiming for Nxg7.

15...Bh8 16.exf5 -0.62/19

[16.bxc4? a6 17.c5 axb5-+]

[16.Bxc4 Nbxc4 17.bxc4 *(17.Nxc4 f4∓)* 17...f4∓]

[16.f4!= -0.24/20 was preferrable. Nd3 17.Rf1]

16...Bxf5∓ 17.Ng3

[17.bxc4 a6 18.Ba4 Nxa4 *(18...Nbxc4 19.Nxc4 Nxc4 20.Ng3±)* 19.Qxa4 b5]

17...Bg6 18.Nde4

[18.bxc4 a6 19.Ba4 Nxa4 20.Qxa4 Rxf2= *(20...Nd3 21.Re6=)*]

[18.Nxc4 Nexc4 19.Bxc4 *(19.bxc4? Bxc3 20.Be3 Bxe1∓)* 19...Nxc4 20.bxc4 Bxc3=]

18...a6 -0.20/20

[18...Rc8∓ -0.61/20 might be stronger.]

19.Bxc4= Nbxc4 20.bxc4 Nxc4 0.42/18

[20...Qc7= 0.00/22]

21.h4!± Qb6 1.51/21

[21...gxh4± 0.69/19 22.Qg4 Ne5 23.Qxh4 e6 24.Qxd8 *(24.Qxh6 exd5 25.Bg5 Qc7=)* 24...Rfxd8 25.dxe6 d5]

22.hxg5 0.58/18

[22.Qg4!± 1.51/21]

22...h5! 23.Qe2 -0.57/23

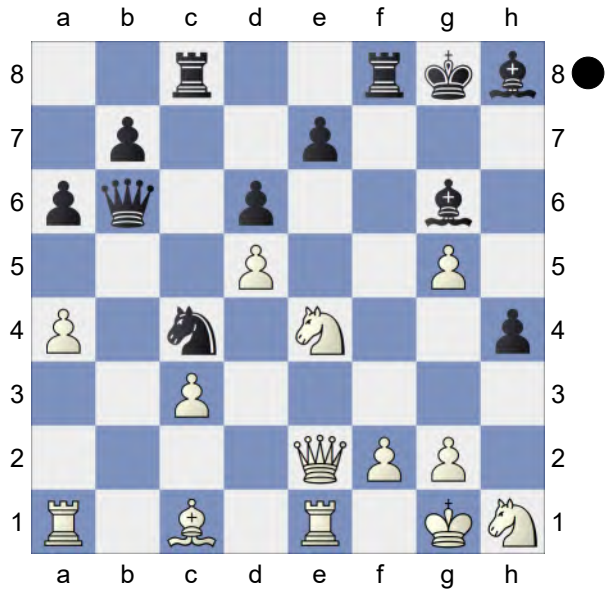
[23.a4± 0.48/21]

23...Rac8 0.01/25

[23...Ne5!∓ -0.57/23]

24.a4= h4 25.Nh1 -1.15/19

[25.a5!= 0.09/20 Nxa5 26.Nf6+ exf6 27.Qe6+ Kh7 *(27...Bf7 28.Qg4±)* 28.Nf5 fxg5 *(28...Rxc3 29.Nxh4 Qd8 30.Nxg6+-)* 29.Be3]

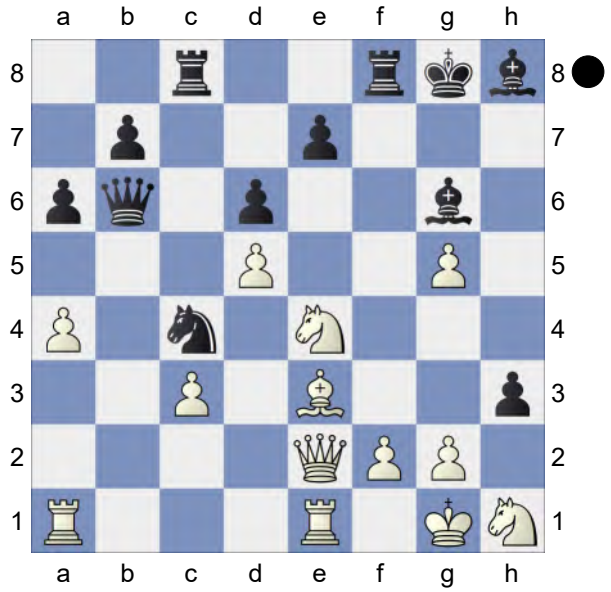


25...h3 0.00/20 **26.Be3** -1.00/21

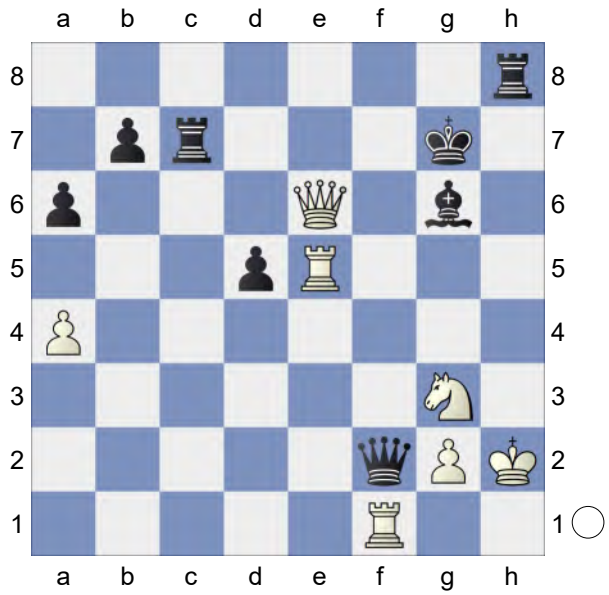
[26.gxh3? Ne5 27.Kg2 Nf3-+]

[26.Qg4= 0.00/20 keeps the balance. hxg2 *(26...Bf5 27.Qh5=)* 27.Nf6+ *(27.Kxg2 Ne5=)* 27...exf6 *(27...Bxf6? 28.gxf6* Discovered

Attack *gxh1Q+ 29.Kxh1+-)* 28.gxf6 gxh1Q+ *(28...gxh1N 29.Qxg6+; 28...gxh1R+ 29.Kxh1 Rxf6 30.Qxc8+ Kh7 31.Re7+ Bg7 32.Bg5=)* 29.Kxh1 Rxf6 *(29...Qxf2 30.Qxg6+; 29...Ne5? 30.Rxe5 Bg7 31.Be3+-)* 30.Qxc8+ Kh7 31.Re7+ Bg7 32.Qh3+ *(32.Qxc4 Qxf2 33.Bg5 Rf3∓)* 32...Kg8 33.Qc8+ Bf8 34.Bg5 Qxf2 35.Bxf6 Qf3+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Qg3+ 39.Kh1 Qf3+]



26...Qa5!∓
[26...Nxe3?! 27.Qxe3 Qxe3 28.Rxe3=]
27.Bd4 -1.41/22
[⊼27.Rad1 -0.94/21]
27...Bxd4 28.cxd4 Qxd5 -0.94/22
[⊼28...hxg2 -1.34/22 29.Nhg3 Qxd5]
29.Nhg3 Qxd4 -0.21/21
[29...hxg2∓ -0.90/20 And now ...Qf7 would win. 30.Rac1 b5 *(30...Qxd4? 31.Red1∓)* 31.axb5 axb5]
30.Qg4= Qd5 31.Qxh3 Qf7 32.Re2 d5 33.Nd2 Bd3 34.g6! Bxg6 35.Nf3 e5! Deflection **36.Nxe5 Nxe5 37.Rxe5 Qxf2+ 38.Kh2** Rg5! is the strong threat.
38...Rc7 Strongly threatening ...Rh7.
39.Qe6+ Kg7 0.62/22
[39...Qf7= -0.02/27]
40.Rf1!↑ Black is under strong pressure.
[40.Rxd5? Rh8+-+]
40...Rh8+



41.Rh5! Qe5+ would kill now. Decoy, Clearance. The board is on fire.
41...Qxg3+ 42.Kxg3 White wants to mate with Qf6+. **42...Rxh5 43.Qd6** 0.31/22 White is more active.
[White should play 43.Rf4± 0.76/23]
43...Rc3+ 0.68/16
[43...Rg5+ 0.31/22 is more appropriate. 44.Kh4 Rh5+ 45.Kg3 Rc3+ 46.Kg4 Rc4+ 47.Rf4 Rf5 48.Rxc4 dxc4 49.Qd4+ Kh7 50.Qxc4 Rf7]
44.Rf3 Rxf3+?? 3.87/26 White now steadily converts the win.
[Black should try 44...Rg5+± 0.61/18 45.Kh2 Rh5+ 46.Rh3 Rhxh3+ 47.gxh3 Rc2+ 48.Kg3 Rc6 49.Qe7+ *(49.Qxd5 Be8+-)* 49...Kh6 50.Qxb7 Rc3+ 51.Kf2 Rxh3 52.Qxa6 *(52.Qxd5 Rh5±)* 52...Kg5]
45.gxf3 Endgame. KQ-KRB **45...Rf5 46.Qd7+ Rf7 47.Qxd5 Kh7** 4.30/21
[47...Kf8 2.83/19 is a better defense.

48.Qd8+ Kg7]
48.a5 Kh6 49.Kg4 Rg7 50.Qd2+ Kh7 51.Kh4 Rf7 52.Kg3 1.22/21
[52.Qh2+- 5.28/23 is more deadly. Kg5+ would now be deadly. Bd3 53.Kg3+ Kg8 54.Qh6]
52...Kg7? 5.07/24
[52...Rf5± 1.22/21 is more resistant. 53.Kf2 Rb5 54.Qd7+ Kh6]
53.Kg4+- Kh7 54.Qh2+ Kg7 55.Qe5+ Kh6 56.Qh8+ Bh7 57.f4 Rg7+ 58.Kf3 Rf7 59.Kg3 Rg7+ 60.Kf2 Rf7 61.Kf3 Rf5 62.Qd8 Bg6 63.Qh8+ Bh7 64.Kg4 Threatens to win with Qxh7+! **64...Rf7 65.Qc3 Bf5+ 66.Kh4 Kg6** White must now prevent ...Rh7+. **67.Qg3+ Kh7?** 4.18/20
[67...Kf6 1.96/22 68.Qc3+ Kg6]
68.Qb3 Kg7? 4.84/21
[68...Rg7 2.71/18 69.Qd1 Bd7 70.Qb1+ Kh6 71.Qxb7 Rg4+ 72.Kh3 Bf5]
69.Kg5 Hoping for Qxf7+! **69...Bh7** 7.26/23
[⌓69...Be4 4.69/19 70.Qc3+ Kg8]
70.Qc3+ Kg8 71.Qc4 Kf8 72.Qc5+ Kg8 73.Qd5 Intending Kh6 and mate. **73...Kg7 74.Qe5+ Kg8 75.Kh6** Threatening mate with Qg5+. **75...Bd3 76.Qg5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.40
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□ **Paikidze,Nazi** **2314**
■ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**
ch-USA w 2024 (10.5) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

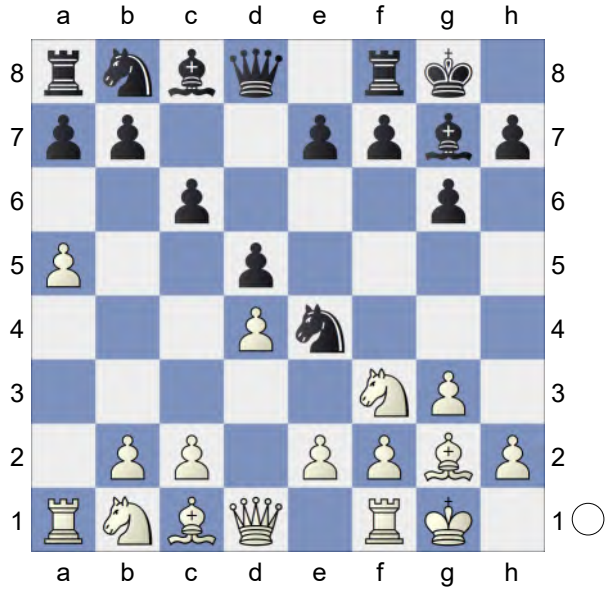
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2…Nf6 3 g3 and 2…Nf6 3 Bf4 The 43rd Chess Olympiad 2018 Open featured some of the world's top players competing for national glory. Among them was Ding Liren, representing China, who had a remarkable performance throughout the tournament. Ding's team China emerged as the tournament champion, with Ding playing a crucial role by remaining undefeated and winning three of his games while drawing the remaining five. His performance was so impressive that he won the Board Prize on board one with a staggering performance rating of 2873. Although the USA and Russia tied for first place with China, the tiebreaks were in huge favor of the Chinese team, which boasted several 2700-rated players. This victory was a significant one for China, which also won the women's category that year. Ding's victory against Peruvian Grandmaster Cordova Emilio was one of the standout games of the tournament. In just 29 moves, Ding managed to finish off his opponent in a remarkable tactical manner. **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.a4N**
[6.Nbd2 Na6 7.Nb3 c6 8.Bf4 Ne4 9.Nfd2 Nd6 10.e4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Richardson,K (2610)-Milicevic,M (2560) Turkiye 118/178 2013]
[6.c4 dxc4 *(6...e6 7.Nc3 b6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.e4 Nf6 14.Bg5 Bb7 15.e5 c5 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.exf6 Qxf6 18.Ne5 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Rfd8 20.Qf3 Qxf3+ 21.Nxf3* 0-1 Szilagyi,S (1367)-Ne5 Na6 (1418) (Game 14) Ekaterinburg 2002 (6)*; 6...c6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.b3 a4 9.Bb2 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ne1 c5 12.Nc2 Nc6 13.e3 f5 14.Bc3 Qc7 15.Na3 cxd4 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.exd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Rd8 19.Bb6 Rxd1*

20.Raxd1 Be6 21.Nc7 Unbreakable The Undefeate-Game 18: Cordova,E*)* 7.Na3 Nc6 *(7...c3 8.bxc3 c5 9.Bb2 Nc6 10.Re1 Bf5 11.d5 Na5 12.c4 Be4 13.Qc1 a6 14.Nd2 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 e6 16.e4 exd5 17.cxd5 b5 18.Nc2 Rc8 19.Rb1 Qd7 20.Bc3 b4 21.Ba1 Qa4 22.Ne3* Belgrade Gambit-N,N Werfen*)* 8.Nxc4 Be6 9.b3 Bd5 10.e3 a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.Ba3 Be4 13.Nxa5 Nc2 14.Nxb7 Qd5 15.Nc5 Nxa1 16.Nxe4 Qxb3 17.Bxe7 Nxe4 18.Bxf8 Bxf8 19.Ne5 Rxa4 20.Bxe4 Qxd1 Sukhareva,O (2647)-Zienkiewicz,J (2624) Bundesliga 06/07 1996]

6...c6 0.28/18

[6...c5 -0.10/19 was preferrable.]

7.a5= Ne4



8.c4 -0.05/20 **dxc4 9.Qc2** -0.43/21

[9.Bf4= -0.05/22]

9...Nd6∓ 10.Nc3 Na6 11.Bf4 Be6 12.e4 -0.70/23

[12.Ng5 -0.31/19 feels stronger.]

12...Nb5 13.Nxb5 cxb5 14.d5 Bd7 15.Bd2 -1.33/20 Prevents Nb4.

[15.Ne5∓ -0.43/21]

15...e5 -0.86/22

[⊼15...Nc5! -1.33/20 16.Bc3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Qc7]

16.dxe6 -1.44/20

[⊼16.b3 -0.86/22]

16...Bxe6∓ 17.Bc3 Qe7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.Qc3 White wants to mate with Nf5+. **20...Kg8 21.h4 Nc5 22.h5 Rfe8**

[22...Nxe4? 23.Rae1 b4 *(23...gxh5? 24.Rxe4 Qg5 25.Nxb5+-; 23...Nxc3? 24.Rxe7+-)* 24.Qe3+- *(24.Rxe4? Qxe4 25.Qxc4 Qg4-+; 24.Qxc4 Qc5=)*]

23.h6 aiming for Nxb5! **23...Qf8!**

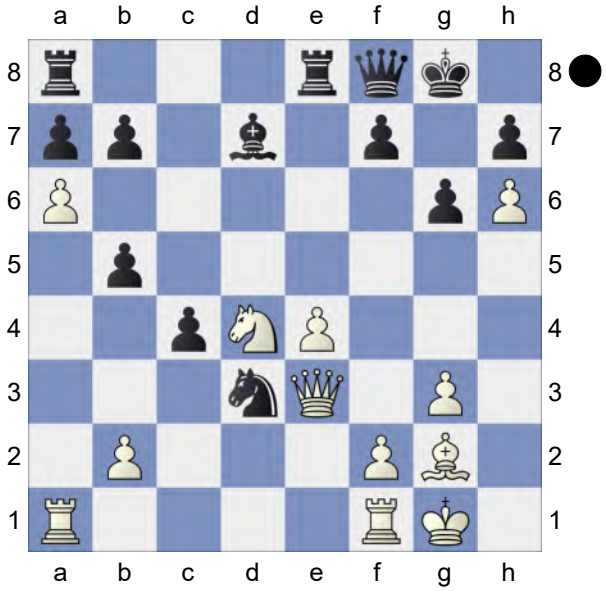
[23...Nxe4 24.Bxe4 b4 *(24...Qxe4? 25.Ne6+-)* 25.Qxc4 Qxe4 26.Rfe1+-]

24.Qe3 Nd3 -0.76/20

[⊼24...a6 -1.32/20 25.Rab1 Bh3 Deflection 26.Bxh3 Rxe4]

25.a6 -1.51/24

[Better is 25.b3 -0.76/20]



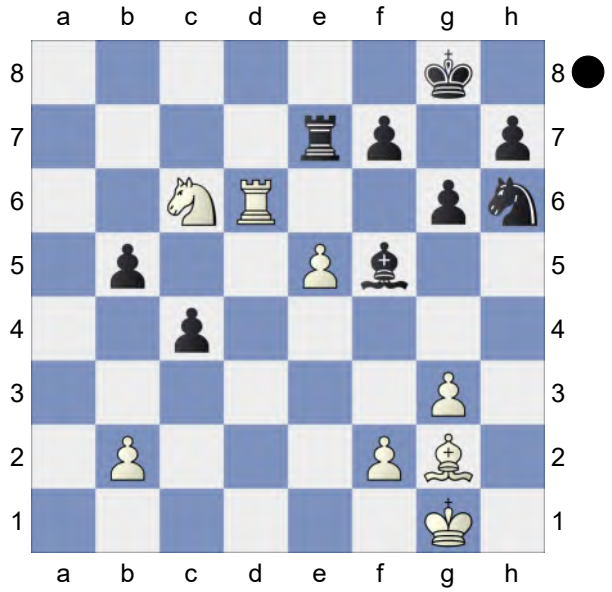
25...bxa6 -0.91/21

[25...Nxb2? loses. 26.e5± *(26.axb7 Rab8+-)*]

[⊼25...b6! -1.51/24 26.Rfd1 Qc5 *(26...Nxb2 27.Rdb1∓)*]

26.Rxa6 Ne5 -0.17/22

[Much weaker is 26...Nxb2 27.e5 Rad8 28.Nc6 Bxc6 29.Bxc6±]
[Black should try 26...Nb4∓ -0.79/23 27.Ra5 a6]
27.Rfa1= **Ng4** **28.Qf4** And now e5 would win. **28...Qxh6** **29.Qxh6** **Nxh6** **30.Rd6** **Re7** **31.e5** **Rae8** **32.Rxa7** **Bf5** **33.Rxe7** **Rxe7** **34.Nc6** -0.74/22
[34.Rd5= -0.03/29]



34...Re8 0.00/26
[34...Rc7!∓ -0.74/22]
35.Rd5 The position is equal. **35...Bd3** **36.Nb4** **Ng4** **37.Nxd3** **cxd3** **38.Rxd3** **Rxe5** Endgame. KRB-KRN **39.Bf3** **h5** **40.Rd4** **Nf6** **41.b4** **Kf8** **42.Bc6** **Ke7** **43.f4** **Rf5** **44.Kg2** **g5** **45.Kh3** **Ke6** **46.Bb7** Hoping for Bc8+. **46...Ke7** **47.Bc6** **Ke6** **48.Bb7** Bc8+ would now be deadly. **48...Ke7** **49.Bc6** **Ke6** Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

D00
□ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
■ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
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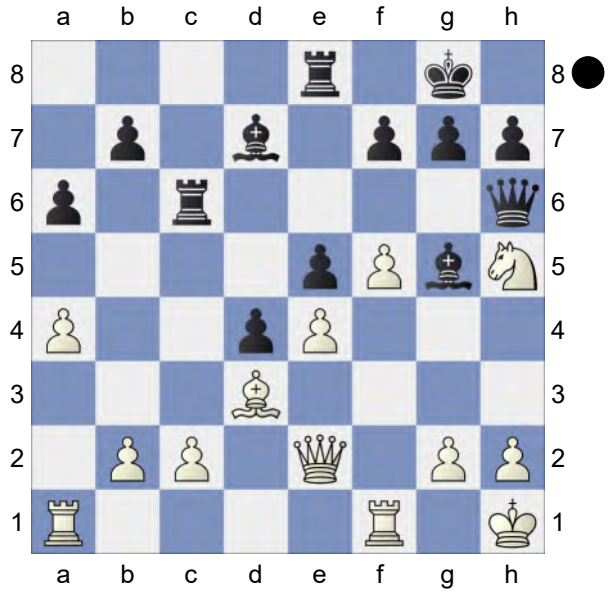
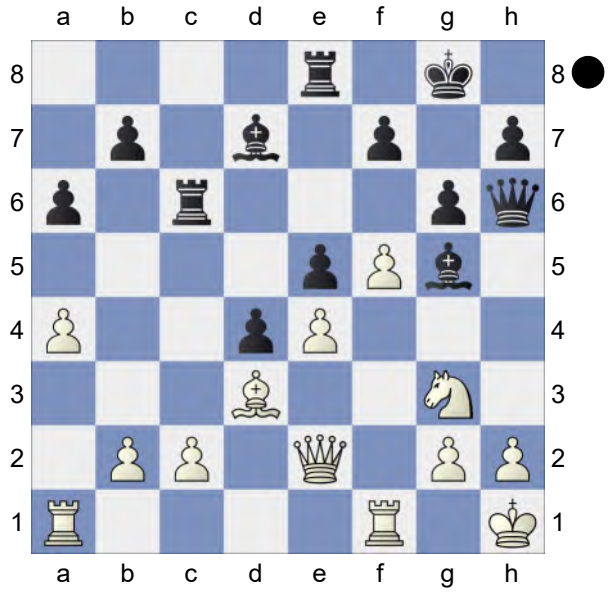
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4** **d5** **2.Nc3** **Nf6** **3.Bf4** **a6** **4.e3** **e6** **5.Nf3**
[5.g4 c5 6.Qf3 Nc6 7.Nge2 cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.g5 Bxf4 10.Qxf4 Nd7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.h4 b5 13.Ng3 b4 14.Na4 Qa5 15.b3 Nb6 16.h5 g6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qc7 4) 1.d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6-5.g4 c5 6.Qf3 Nc6 7. Nge2 cxd4 The Meanest Jobava London 2023]
5...Bd6N 0.33/18
[5...c5= -0.26/20 6.a3 b5 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 Be7 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Qh5 f5 13.h3 Rc8 14.Bh2 Bf6 15.Bf1 Qb6 The Rest 2-N,N On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin Rašt The]
6.Ne5 -0.19/23
[6.Bd3± 0.33/18]
6...c5= **7.dxc5** **Bxc5** **8.Bd3** The position is equal. **8...Nc6** 0.19/23
[⌓8...0-0 -0.19/19]
9.0-0 **Nxe5** **10.Bxe5** **Bd6** **11.f4** **0-0** **12.Bd4** **Re8** **13.Bxf6** -0.55/18
[White should play 13.Qe1= 0.16/22]
13...Qxf6∓ **14.Kh1** **Qh6** **15.Qf3** **Bd7** **16.e4** **d4** 0.12/23
[16...Bc6∓ -0.42/18]
17.Ne2!= **e5→** Black mounts an attack. **18.f5** -0.81/21
[18.fxe5= 0.04/18 remains equal. Bxe5 19.Qxf7+ Kh8 20.g3]
18...Rac8∓ White is weak on the dark squares. Black continues to play with concentration. **19.Ng3** **Be7** Black is more active. **20.Nh5** **Bg5** **21.Qe2** **Rc6** **22.a4** -2.60/21

[22.Ng3∓ -1.56/19 was worth a try.]



22...g6!-+ 23.Ng3



Bf4! 24.Rf3 gxf5 25.h3 Bxg3 26.Rxg3+ Rg6 27.Rxg6+ hxg6

[27...Qxg6 28.exf5 Bxf5 29.Bxf5 Qxf5 30.Rf1=]

28.Rf1 f4

[28...Bxa4 29.exf5 g5 *(29...Bc6 30.fxg6 fxg6 31.Bc4+ Kh8 32.Qg4=)* 30.Qf3∓]

29.Bc4 Kg7 Strongly threatening ... Bxh3!

[29...Bxa4 30.Bxf7+ Kxf7 31.Qc4+ Kg7 32.Qxa4∓]

30.Qd3 g5 And now ...g4! would win.

[30...Bxa4 31.Bxf7 Rf8 *(31...Kxf7 32.Qc4+ Kg7 33.Qxa4∓)* 32.Bc4∓]

31.Kg1? -4.57/17

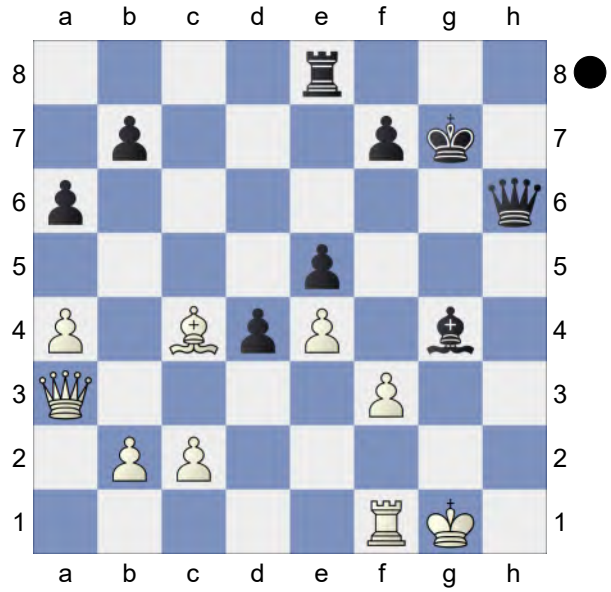
[31.c3 -2.60/17]

31...g4

[31...Bxa4? 32.Bxf7 Rc8 *(32...Kxf7 33.Qc4+ Ke7 34.Qb4+ Kd8 35.Qxa4-+)* 33.Bc4-+]

32.hxg4 Bxg4 33.Qa3 f3 34.gxf3 -#6/16

[34.Rxf3-+ -4.63/20 Bxf3 35.Qxf3 Qc1+ 36.Qf1 Qxf1+ *(36...Qxb2?* loses. *37.Qxf7+ Kh6 38.Qxe8+-)* 37.Kxf1]



34...Rh8! Black mates. **35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Be2 Rh2+** Skewer, Deflection. Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

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C42
□ **Yip,Carissa** **2418**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
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[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.d3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Qxe2+ 8.Bxe2 Be7 9.Nc3 h6**

[9...c6 10.0-0-0 Na6 11.Rhe1 Nc7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.dxe4 Bxg5+ 14.Nxg5 Ke7 15.f4 Ne6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Rd3 Bd7 18.Red1 d5 19.Re3 Rhf8 20.exd5 cxd5 21.g3 Kd6 22.h4 Rac8 23.Bd3 h6 24.Re5 ½-½ Miles,E (2560)-10. ♘c6 bc6 11. 0-0 (2530) 56/(290) Iraklion 1992 (1)]

10.Be3N

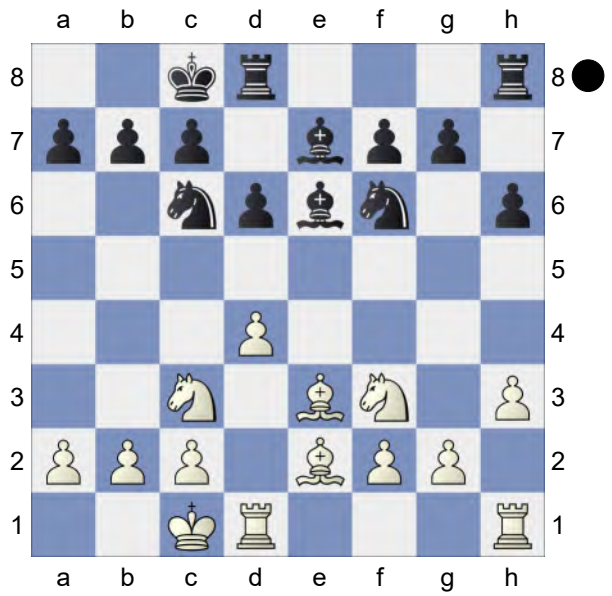
[10.Bd2 a6 *(10...Nc6 11.Nb5 Bd8 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Nbd4 Ne7* Petroff with 3. Nxe5 Sideline-Petroff with 3 Nxe5 Sidelines*)* 11.0-0-0 Nc6 12.Rde1 Be6 13.Bd1 0-0-0 14.Ne2 Ng4 15.Rhf1 Nge5 16.Nf4 Bd7 17.Nd5 Rde8 18.Nxe7+ Rxe7 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Bc3 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 f6 22.Bh5 Kd8 23.f4 Be8 24.Bf3 Bd7 1-0 QGA/13 (2197)-5.♘f6 gf6 6. ♗e3_44207 (1985) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (3)]

[10.Bh4 Bd7 11.0-0-0 Nc6 12.d4 0-0-0 13.Bc4 Rhf8 14.Rhe1 Bg4 15.d5 Bxf3 16.dxc6 Bxd1 17.Rxe7 Petroff-8. ♘ c3 h6_65958 Survey 1993]

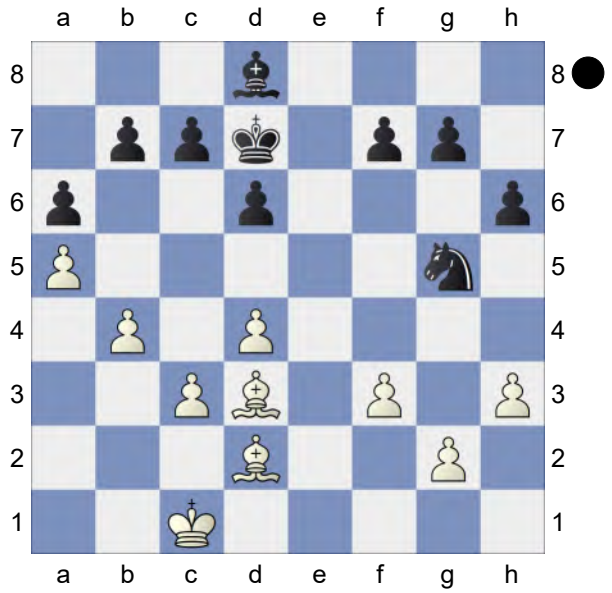
10...Nc6 11.h3 Be6 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.d4

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent d5. **13...Nb4**



14.a3 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 Nb6 17.b3 Bf5 18.a4 Nd7 19.Bc4 Black should prevent Rde1! **19...Bg6 20.Rhe1 Rhe8 21.Bf4 Bf6 22.a5 a6 23.c3 Nf8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1 Ne6 27.Bd2 Kd7 28.b4 Ng5 29.f3 Bd8 30.Nd3 Bxd3!** The position is equal. **31.Bxd3=**



Endgame. Hoping for f4. KBB-KBN **31...d5 32.Bf5+ Ne6 33.Kc2 h5 34.g4 g6 35.Bd3 hxg4 36.fxg4 Bh4 37.Kd1 Ng5 38.Bxg5 Bxg5 39.Bc2 Bh4 40.Bd3 Bg5 41.Bc2 Bh4 42.Bd3 Bg5**

A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

A05
□ **Atwell,Rose** **2185**
■ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
ch-USA w 2024 (11.2) 23.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A12: English Opening: 1…c6 with b3 by White **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 Bf5 4.g3 h6 5.Bg2 e6 6.c4N**
[6.0-0 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2
A) 8...a5 9.a3 c6 10.Re1 Bh7 11.e4 Nbd7 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.a4 Rfc8 14.Rac1 Bc5 15.e5 Ne8 16.Nf1 Qd8 17.Ne3 Nc7 18.Kh1 b5 19.Nd4 bxa4 20.bxa4 Nb6 21.Ra1 Na6 22.Nb3 Be7 23.f4 0-1 Caruana,F (2792)-Giri,A (2772) 84th Tata Steel Masters Wijk aan Zee NED 2022 (6);
B) 8...c6 9.Qe1 *(9.Re1 Bh7 10.e4 Nbd7 11.Qe2 a5 12.a4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Nc5 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.e5 Nd5 16.Nc4 Nb4 17.Rd2 Ne4 18.Rdd1 Nc5 19.Nd4 Rad8 20.Rd2 Rd7 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 Rxd6 23.Qe5 Nd7* 0-1 Sanal,V (2590)-Rostomyan,M (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6) *)* 9...Bh7 10.e4 a5 11.a3 Nbd7 12.Qe2 b5 13.Rfe1 Qb6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bb2 Bf6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Qe3 Qxe3 19.Rxe3 Rfd8 20.Ree1 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 ½-½ Markowski,T (2518)-Hryharovich,A (2239) Suwalki Warakomska Memorial 7th 2023 (1);
C) 8...Bh7 9.Nh4 Nfd7 10.e4 Bf6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.e5 Nfd7 13.f4 c5 14.c4 Bxd3 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bxd5 Nc6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Rf2 Nb6 19.Rc1 Qd5 20.Qg4 a5 1-0 Sanal,V (2557)-Firat,B (2474) Turkish Championship 2020 (8.2)]
6...c6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 a5 10.a3 Bh7 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rc1 -0.50/20
[13.Bh3= -0.12/23 deserves consideration.]
13...Qb6 14.h3 -0.57/21
[14.e4= -0.16/22]
14...Bc5 15.d4 Bd6 16.Ne5! Rfe8 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nc4 -0.54/19
[19.Nxe4= -0.01/21 Bf8 20.Nd2]
19...Qc7↑ White is under pressure.
20.d5 Black must now prevent dxc6.
20...Bf8! ...Nc5 would now be deadly.
21.d6 Qb8 22.Qd4 -0.80/24
[22.h4∓ -0.32/20]
22...b5∓ 23.Nd2
[23.Ne3 Ra6 *(23...Bxd6 24.Qxg7#; 23...Qxd6 24.Qxd6* Remove Defender *Bxd6 25.Rxc6∓; 23...c5 24.Qd5∓)* 24.Rcd1 Re6-+]
23...c5
[23...Qxd6 simplifies 24.Qxd6 Bxd6 25.Rxc6 Bf8]
24.Qc3 -1.45/26
[⌓24.Qd5 -0.94/25]
24...b4
[24...Qxd6 25.Nxe4 Qb6 26.Re3∓]
25.axb4 -1.71/23
[25.Qe3∓ -1.11/22]
25...axb4-+
[25...Bxd6 26.Qxg7#]
26.Qe3 Bxd6 -1.28/21

[26...Ra2-+ -1.92/20 27.Ba1 f5 *(27...Bxd6 28.Nxe4 Qc7 29.h4∓)*]

27.Nxe4∓ Ra2 -0.46/20

[27...Bf8∓ -1.39/18 Strongly threatening ...Nb6. 28.Qd2 Qc7]

28.Qd2∓ Bxe4

[28...Re6 keeps more tension. 29.Rcd1 Bf8 30.Qxd7 Rxb2 31.Nf6+ Rxf6 32.Re8 Qxe8 33.Qxe8 Rfxf2 34.Bf1 Rfd2]

29.Bxe4 -0.94/20

[29.Rxe4= -0.27/18 Be5 30.Qxd7 Rxb2 31.Rce1]

29...Rd8 0.20/20

[29...Bxg3!∓ -0.94/20 ...Nf6 is the strong threat. 30.Rc2 *(30.fxg3 Rxe4 31.Rxe4 Qxg3+ 32.Qg2 Qxg2+* Remove Defender *33.Kxg2 Rxb2+ 34.Kf1 Rxb3∓)* 30...Bh2+ 31.Kh1 Ra7]

30.Bb1= A strong pair of Bishops.

30...Ra7 31.Qc2 -0.19/21

[31.Re3± 0.41/21]

31...Nf8 Threatens to win with ...Bxg3!

32.Re4 -1.49/18

[32.Re3= -0.18/21]

32...Bxg3!∓ 33.Bxg7 -2.12/20

[33.fxg3? Qxg3+ 34.Qg2 Qxg2+ *(34...Qxb3 35.Qxg7#)* 35.Kxg2 Rd2+ 36.Kg1 Rxb2-+]

[33.Rce1 -1.66/17 is a better defense. Bh2+ 34.Kg2]

33...Bh2+-+ Zwischenzug

[33...Kxg7 34.Rg4+ Kh8 35.Rxg3=]

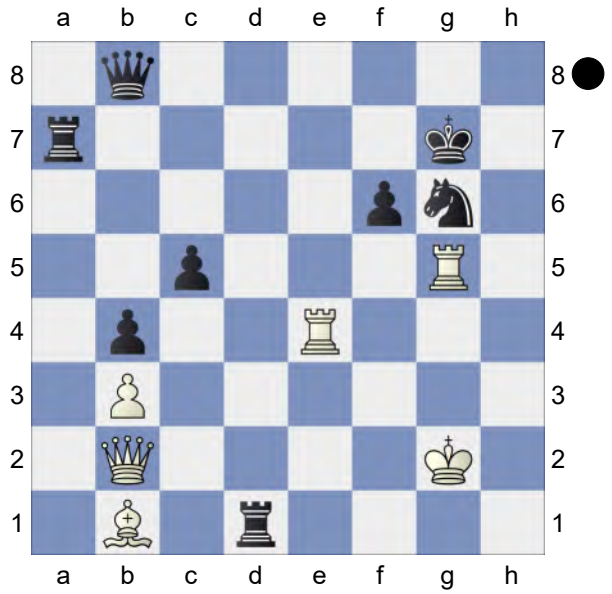
34.Kh1 Kxg7 35.Qb2+ f6

[35...Rd4? 36.Rxc5 Ne6 *(36...Be5? 37.Rcxe5 Rad7 38.Rxd4+-)* 37.Rxe6 *(37.Rd5 Kf6±)* 37...fxe6 38.Qxd4+ Kf7 39.Qe4+- *(39.Rb5 Qxb5 40.Qxa7+ Kf8+-)*]

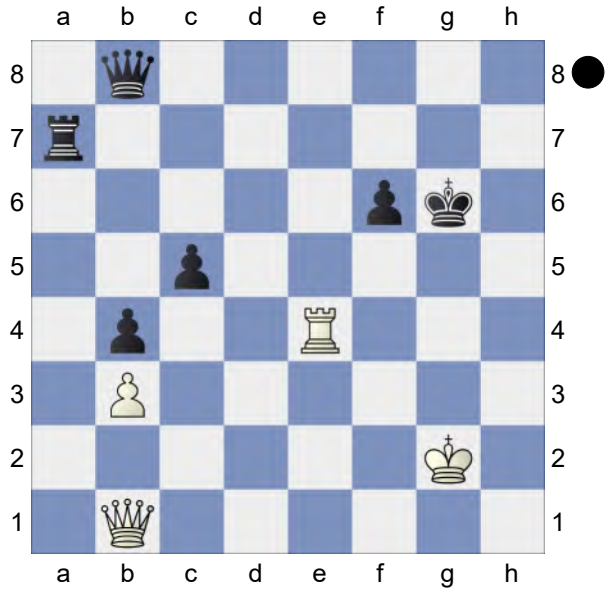
36.f4 -4.18/18

[⌂36.Rg4+ -2.94/19 Kf7 37.Qe2]

36...Bxf4 37.Rg1+ Bg5 38.h4 Ng6 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Rxg5 Rd1+ 41.Kg2



Rxb1! 42.Rxg6+ Kxg6 43.Qxb1 Endgame.



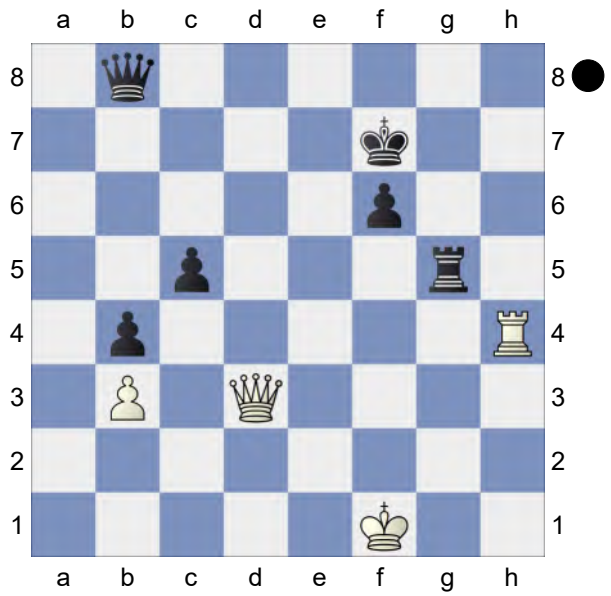
KQR-KQR **43...Rg7! 44.Kf1 Kf7 45.Qd3 Rg5 46.Rh4**

(Diagram)

Qe8? 0.00/30

[Better is 46...Qc8!-+ -1.77/26 47.Rh7+ Ke6 *(47...Kg8? 48.Rd7+-)*]

47.Rh7+!= Ke6! And now ...Rf5+ would win.



[Don't go for 47...Kg8? 48.Ra7 Rh5 49.Qf3+-]

48.Rc7? -6.95/20

[48.Qa6+= 0.00/30 Kf5 49.Qd3+ Qe4 50.Qd7+ Qe6 51.Qd3+ Ke5 52.Qe2+ Kf5 53.Qd3+ Ke5 54.Qe2+ Kd6 *(54...Kf5 55.Qd3+=)* 55.Qa6+ Ke5 *(55...Kd5 56.Qc4+ Kd6 57.Qa6+ Ke5 58.Qe2+=)* 56.Qe2+]

48...Rf5+-+ 49.Ke1 Rd5 50.Qa6+ Kf5+ 51.Kf2 Rd2+ Black mates. **52.Kf1 Rd1+ 53.Kf2 Qe1+ 54.Kf3 Qe4+ 55.Kg3 Qf4+ 56.Kg2 Rd2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.20 (precise)

0-1

C17

□ **Tokhirjonova,Gulrukhbegim 2374**
■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev 2327**
ch-USA w 2024 (11.3) 23.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5N**

[4...Qd7 5.a3 *(5.Qg4 Bf8 6.Bg5 b6 7.f4 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nge2 g6 10.a3 Be7 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.b4 h6 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.b5 Nb8 15.a4 Nf5 16.Qf3 g5 17.a5 Rhg8 18.axb6 cxb6 19.Qd3 Qe7* 1-0 Gascon del Nogal,J (2477)-Ider,B (2514) Rochefort op-A17th 2018 (4.6)*)* 5...Bf8 6.Nh3 b6 7.Nf4 Ne7 8.Bb5 c6 9.Ba4 Ba6 10.Nce2 Ng6 11.0-0 Nxf4 12.Bxf4 Be7 13.Re1 Bb5 14.Bb3 Bc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Nc3 0-0 17.Qg4 f5 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Rad1 1-0 Shvets,V-8.♕e2 ♗b4 9. 0-0-0 (ch) 106/(62) Chiva 2009]

[4...Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ *(5...Ba5 6.b4 Bb6 7.Nf3 a5 8.Rb1 axb4 9.axb4 Nd7 10.Bd3 f5 11.Ne2 Nf8 12.c3 Nfg6 13.h4 Bd7 14.h5 Nf8 15.g4 fxg4 16.Nh2 Nf5 17.Nxg4 h6 18.Ng3 Qe7 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.Ne3* 1-0 Boleslavsky,I-Ragozin,V Sverdlovsk 1943*)* 6.bxc3 b6 7.Nh3 Ng6 8.a4 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.0-0 Nb8 11.Qg4 Nc6 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Nf4 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 Rg8 15.Qh5 h6 16.Bc1 Na5 17.Qe2 Nc4 18.f4 a5 19.g4 0-1 Nxd4 Rc8 (2425)-Habgood,K (2595) 61/129 Berlin 1994 (5)]

5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 cxd4 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.Nb5 White has compensation. **8...Bb6 9.Nf3**

[9.Nxd4 Qc7 10.Bb2 Qxe5+ 11.Qe2 Bxd4∓]

9...Nc6 White is slightly better. **10.Qf4** 0.18/25

[10.Nbxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qc7∓]
[10.Bb2!⩲ 0.65/23]

10...f6 11.Bb2!

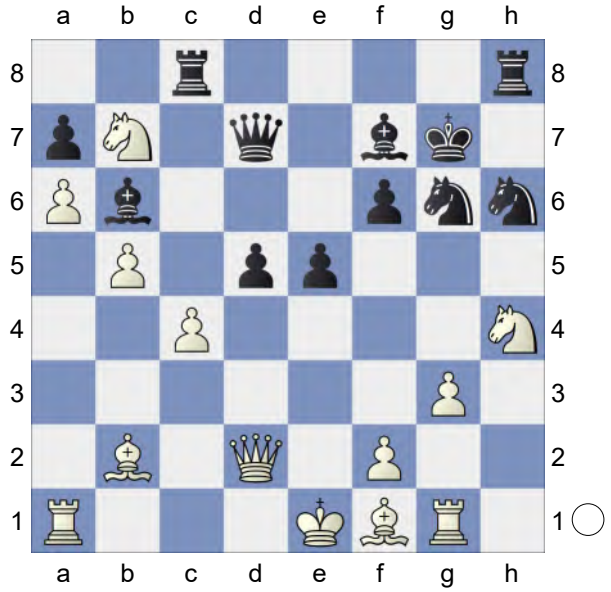
[11.Nbxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7=]

11...g5 Deflection **12.Nxg5** -0.55/26

[Better is 12.Qg3!⩲ 0.35/25]

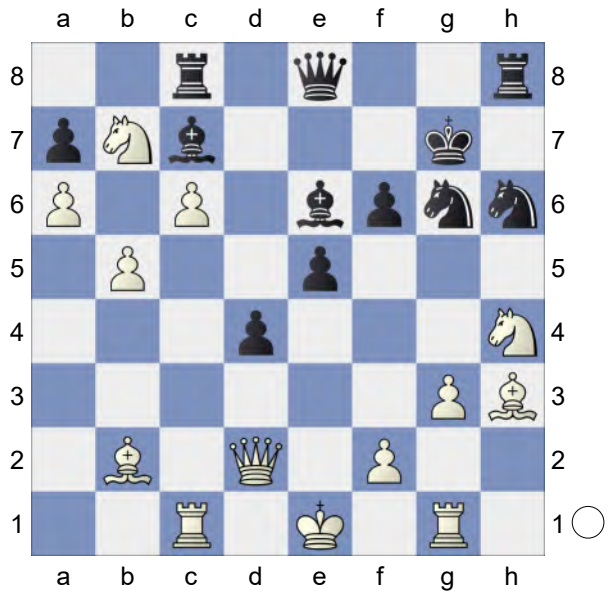
12...Nxe5 ...Ng6 is the strong threat.

13.Nxd4
[13.Bxd4 Ng6 14.Qf3 *(14.Bxb6 Qxb6 15.Qf3 a6∓)* 14...a6 15.Bxb6 Qxb6∓]
13...Qe7 14.Ngf3 -0.48/23
[14.0-0-0!= 0.00/20 Ng6 15.Qf3]
14...Ng6 15.Qd2 e5 16.Nb3 Be6 17.g3 h5 -0.07/21
[17...Kg7∓ -0.46/21]
18.a4 h4 19.Rg1 hxg3 20.hxg3 Nh6 0.97/21
[20...Rc8= -0.18/21]
21.a5± Bc7 22.Nc5 Bf7 23.Nxb7 White has more active pieces. **23...Rb8 24.a6 Bb6** 1.16/19
[24...Ng4!± 0.38/19]
25.b5 Black must now prevent Ba3.
25...Kg7 26.Nh4 0.42/19
[26.g4!± 1.36/17]
26...Qd7 1.22/21
[26...e4± 0.42/19 27.Bd4 *(27.Nxg6 Bxg6 28.Bd4 Nf5-+)* 27...Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Nxh4 29.gxh4+ Kh7]
27.c4 Hoping for c5. **27...Rbc8** 1.63/19
[27...Rxb7± 1.07/18 28.axb7 Qxb7]



28.Rc1!+- d4
[28...Nxh4? 29.gxh4+ Ng4 30.c5+-]

29.c5 Bc7 30.c6↑ White is in control.
30...Qe8 2.28/15 Loses the game.
[30...Qg4± 1.06/18 31.Be2 Qg5 32.Qxg5 fxg5]
31.Bh3 Be6



32.Bxe6 Qxe6 33.Qd3 Against Qb3
33...Ne7 34.Ba3 e4 3.19/16
[34...Nhf5 2.22/17 is a better defense. 35.Nxf5+ Qxf5 36.Qxf5 Nxf5]
35.Qxd4 Rcd8 4.96/20 Repels Qd7
[⌓35...Nd5 3.52/20 36.g4 *(36.Qxa7 e3+-)* 36...Kf7]
36.Nxd8 Rxd8 37.Qxa7 Ba5+ 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Ng2 Nhf5 9.49/18
[39...Ng4 3.59/17 40.Qxe7+ *(40.Bxe7?* leads to mate. *Nh2+ 41.Ke2 Qg4+ 42.Ke3 Qf3#)* 40...Kh6]
40.Bxe7 White is clearly winning.
40...Nxg3+ 41.fxg3 Qf5+ 42.Nf4 Qxb5+ 43.Ne2 Rd5 44.Bd6+ Kg6 45.Rh1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.45
1-0

A07
□ **Yu,Jennifer** **2267**
■ **Pourkashiyan,Atousa** **2269**
ch-USA w 2024 (11.4) 23.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.d4**

[4.0-0 Nf6 *(4...Nd7 5.d3 Ngf6 6.c4 e6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.e4 N5f6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qc2 c5 12.Rfd1 Nh5 13.Be3 e5 14.a4 a6 15.Qb3 Nhf6 16.Bh3 Bd6 17.Nh4 Nb8 18.Nf5 g6 19.Nxd6* 1-0 Jones,G (2640)-Wadsworth,M (2456) 110th ch-GBR 2024 Hull ENG (4.2)*)* 5.b3 g6 6.Bb2 Bg7 7.c4 dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.d3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.a4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Bxb7 Rab8 15.Bf3 Ne8 16.Ra3 a5 17.Rb3 Nc7 18.Qb1 Qe6 0-1 Ferri,S (2756)-Pires,A (2700) Julius Baer Rapid Div 2 L Chess.com INT 2023 (2)]

4...e6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.a4N

[6.Nbd2 Ngf6 7.b3 c5 8.e3 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.c4 Rc7 13.Rc1 Qa8 14.Qe2 dxc4 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.bxc4 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rcc8 18.Nd3 Bf8 19.Nf3 Qa6 20.Nfe5 Nxe5 ½-½ Efimenko,Z (2643)-Mikhalevski,V (2572) Montreal 6th 2005 (2)]

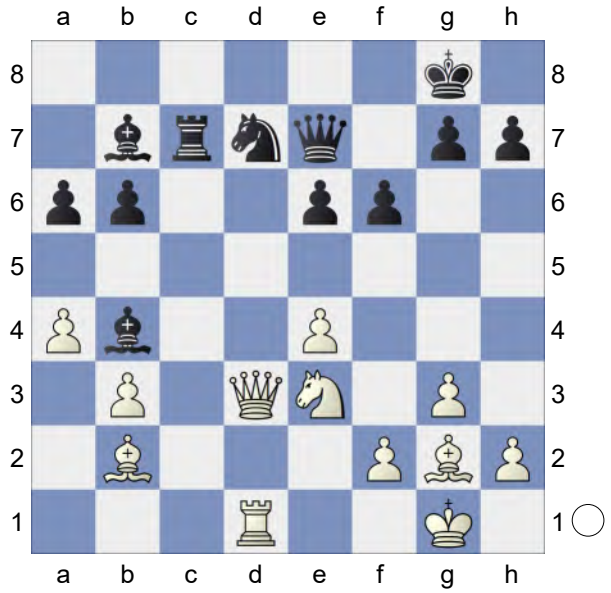
[6.c4 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Rd1 b5 10.Qd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Be3 Qb6 13.Bd4 0-0 14.Nc3 e5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 b4 18.Nd1 e4 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 0-1 Crittenden,R (2538)-Ballin,A (2531) Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 4th 2012 (4) 21.Kf1 b3 22.Ne3 Nd5 23.N5c4 Nxe3+ 24.Nxe3 Rd2 25.Nd1 bxa2 26.Ke1 Bd5 27.Rc1 g6 28.Nc3 Nb3 0-1 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2538)-Mastrovasilis,A (2531) GRE-ch 70th Lamia 2021 (4)]

6...a6 7.b3 Ngf6 8.Bb2 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.c4 c5 11.e3 Rc8 12.Qe2 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Rc7 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.e4 Nb4 0.46/22

[15...N5f6= -0.01/22]

16.Nc4± Bc5 17.Rfd1 Qe7 18.Rd2 Nc6 19.Rad1 Bb4 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Rc2 Bb7 22.Ne3 Rfc8 23.Rxc7→ White mounts an attack. **23...Rxc7 24.Qd3 f6** 1.21/21

[24...a5= 0.09/21 keeps the balance.]



25.e5!± Nxe5

[25...Bxg2 26.exf6]

26.Bxe5 fxe5 Black is weak on the light squares **27.Bxb7** Remove Defender **27...Rxb7 28.Qxa6** 0.83/20 White is more active.

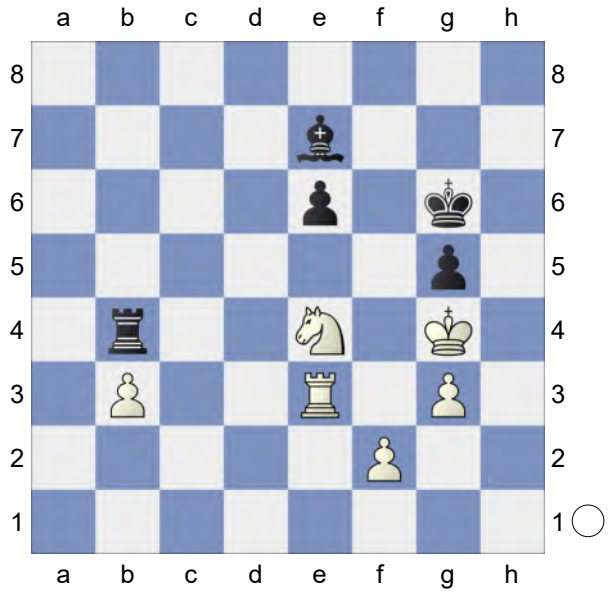
[⌓28.Ng4! 1.47/23]

28...Bc5? 2.68/18

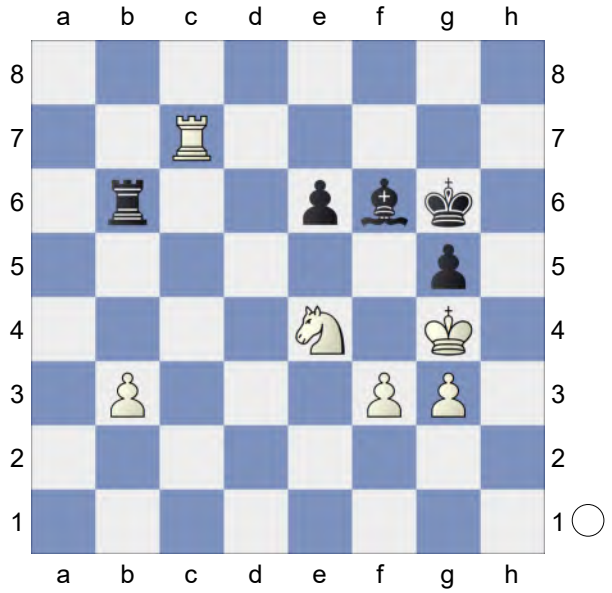
[28...Rb8± 0.83/20]

29.Qa8++- Kf7 30.Nc4 Kf6 31.Rd8 Qf7 3.26/23

[31...e4 2.16/17 keeps fighting. 32.Rd2 g5]
32.Kg2 b4! would now be deadly. **32...e4 33.Rd2 Qc7 34.Re2** Qg8! is the strong threat. **34...b5?** 3.42/22
[34...Qb8 1.68/20 35.Qxb8 Rxb8]
35.axb5 Rxb5 36.Qxe4 0.39/18
[36.Rxe4 Qb7 37.Qa1+ Kf7±]
[36.Qg8+- 2.26/23 Qb7 37.Qxh7 e3+ 38.f3]
36...Qb7± **37.Nd2** Black must now prevent Qxb7.
[37.Qxb7 simplifies Rxb7 38.Nd2 Bd4 39.Re1]
37...Kf7 38.Qxb7+ Rxb7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **39.Ne4 Be7 40.Re3 h6 41.h4 g5** 0.75/31
[41...h5± 0.35/22 was preferrable.]
42.hxg5± hxg5 43.Kf3 Kg6 1.38/23
[⊿43...Rb4 0.76/23]
44.Kg4 0.81/26
[⊿44.g4! 1.38/23]
44...Rb4



45.f3! Bf6 46.Rd3 Be7 1.06/29
[46...Be5± 0.66/26 is more appropriate.]
47.Rc3 0.57/26
[47.Kh3± 1.06/29]
47...Rb6 48.Re3 Rb4 49.Rd3 Rb7 50.Rc3 Rb6 51.Rc7 Bf6 1.54/22
[⊿51...Bd6 0.81/23 52.Rd7 Bb8]



52.Nxf6? 0.00/38
[52.Nc5!± 1.54/22]
52...Kxf6 KR-KR. The position is equal.
53.Rc3 Rb4+ 54.Kh3 g4+ 55.fxg4 Kg5 56.Re3 Rb6 57.Kg2 Kxg4 58.Kf2 e5 59.Ke2
[Don't take 59.Rxe5 Rxb3 60.Re4+ Kf5 61.Rf4+ Kg5±]
59...Kf5 60.Rc3 Ke4 61.Re3+ Kd4 62.Rd3+ Ke4 63.Kd2 Ra6 64.Re3+ Kd4 65.Rd3+ Ke4 66.Re3+ Kd4 (→ ...Ra2+) **67.Rd3+ Ke4** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.30
½-½

D02
□ **Cervantes Landeiro,Thalia** **2302**
■ **Zatonskih,Anna** **2312**
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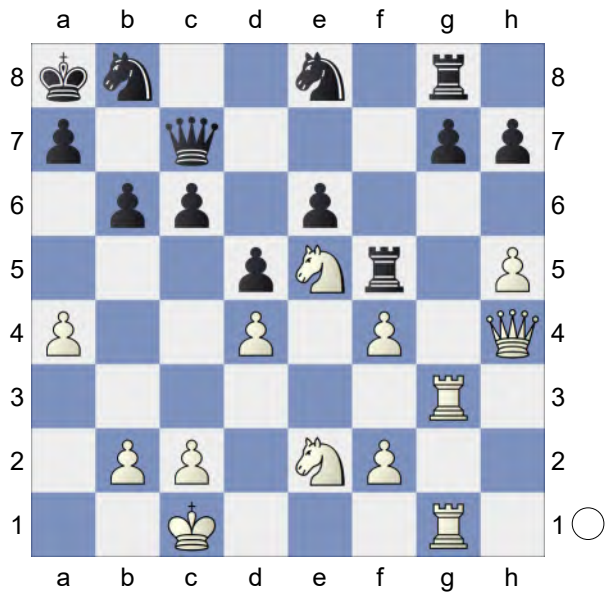
[Kitty Kat]

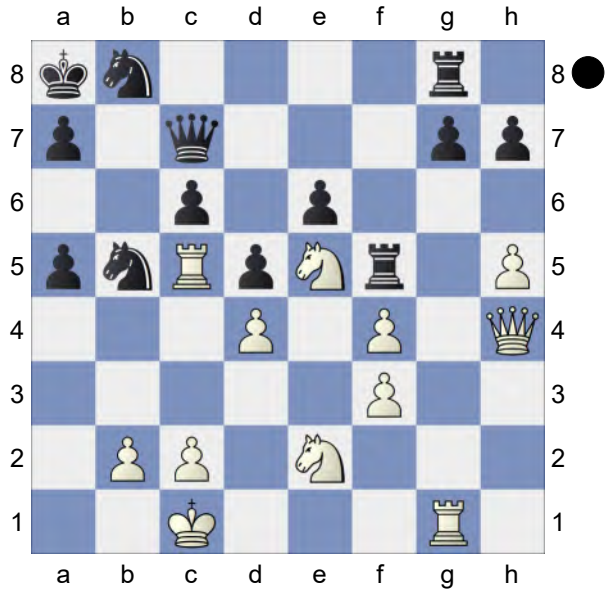
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2…Nf6 3 g3 and 2…Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Bd6 4.e3 Bxf4 5.exf4 Qd6 6.Qd2 Nf6N**
[6...Bd7 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Rfe1 b6 11.b3 c5 12.Rad1 Rd8 9) London System-London System Nf3 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
7.Nc3 b6 8.Ne5 White is slightly better.
8...c6 9.g4 Ba6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.Qe2 Nc7 12.g5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.h4
[14.Nxf7? Qxf4+ 15.Qe3 Qxf7-+]
14...Rdf8 15.h5 f6 16.gxf6 -0.24/24
[⊿16.h6 0.20/24 g6 17.gxf6]
16...Rxf6 0.31/25
[16...gxf6= -0.24/24 17.Nd3 Re8]
17.Qg4⩲ Ne8 0.57/21
[17...Qf8= 0.21/21 18.Nd3 *(18.Nxc6 Kb7∓)* 18...Rg8]
18.Ne2 Rhf8 19.Rh3 Kb7 20.Rc3 Nb8 21.Rg1 Rf5 22.Qh4 Qc7 23.Rcg3 Ka8 24.a4 Rg8

(Diagram)

25.a5 0.44/19 **bxa5 26.Rc3** 0.07/20
[26.Rg5⩲ 0.46/23]
26...Nd6= 27.f3 -0.80/19
[27.Rcg3= 0.07/20]
27...Nb5!∓ 28.Rc5 -1.19/21
[⊿28.Rd3 -0.75/21]

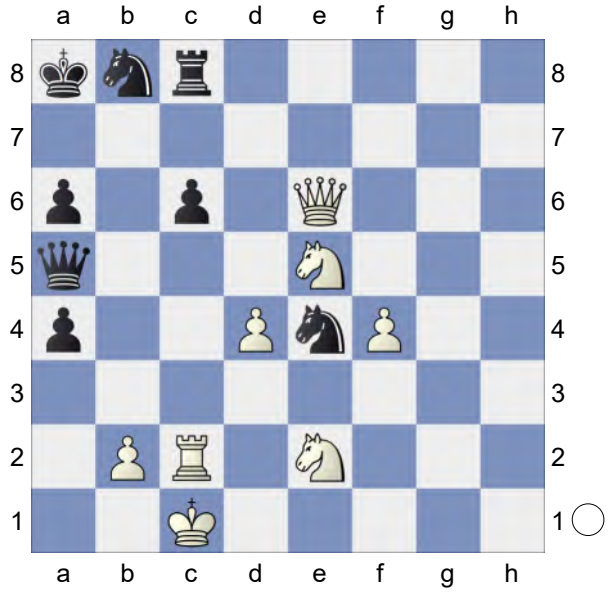
(Diagram)





28...a6 0.18/20
[28...Qb7!∓ -1.19/21 ...Na6 is the strong threat. 29.Rg5 Nd7 30.Rxf5 *(30.Rxc6? Nxe5 31.Rxe6 Nxf3-+)* 30...exf5 31.Nxd7 Qxd7]
29.Rg5 White has compensation.
29...Rff8 0.84/19
[29...Qe7!= -0.16/19 remains equal. 30.Rg4 *(30.Nxc6 Nxc6 31.Rxc6 Kb7∓)* 30...Qe8]
30.Qg4 0.15/22
[30.Qe1⩲ 0.84/19]
30...Re8 31.f5? -1.15/19

[31.Nc3± 0.50/22]
31...h6? 0.42/25
[31...exf5∓ -1.15/19 32.Qg3 *(32.Rxf5 Nd7=; 32.Qxf5? Qe7∓)* 32...Nxd4 33.Nxd4 Rxe5 34.Rxf5 Rge8 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 *(35...Qxe5 36.Qxe5 Rxe5 37.h6=)*]
32.f6
[32.Rg6!? exf5 33.Qg1∓ *(33.Qxf5 Nxd4 34.Nxd4 Rxe5-+)*]
32...hxg5 33.f7 Zwischenzug, Double Attack **33...Rgf8 34.fxe8Q Rxe8 35.Qxg5 Rf8 36.f4 a4 37.c4** -0.66/19
[Better is 37.Qg4= 0.00/20]
37...Nd6!∓ Strongly threatening ...Ne4.
38.h6 gxh6 39.Qxh6 Rc8 40.cxd5! Ne4 0.00/26
[40...exd5∓ -0.46/22 is superior. 41.Qh3 Qg7]
41.d6 Nxd6 42.Qxe6 Ne4 aiming for ... Rh8!
[42...Rh8 simplifies 43.Qd5 cxd5 44.Rxc7 Rh1+]
43.Rc2 Threatens to win with Nc4.
43...Qa5? 3.07/21



44.Nd3? 0.05/20 Active counter play!
[44.Qxc8? Qe1#]
[44.Nf3!+- 3.07/21 a3 45.Kb1 *(45.Qxc8?* loses. *a2-+; 45.b4 Qa4∓)*]
44...a3!= The position is equal. **45.bxa3**
[45.Qxc8? perishes. a2 46.Kd1 a1Q+-+ *(46...a1B?* is the wrong capture. *47.Qe6+-)*]
45...Qxa3+ 46.Kb1 Some like it hot
46...Qxd3 47.Qxc8 Nd2+ 48.Kc1 Nb3+ 49.Kb2 Nxd4 50.Nxd4 Qxd4+ Endgame. KQR-KQN **51.Rc3** Hoping for Qf5. **51...Qb4+ 52.Kc2** Black must now prevent Qf5. **52...Qe4+ 53.Kb3 Qb1+ 54.Kc4 Qe4+ 55.Kb3 Qb1+ 56.Ka3 Qa1+ 57.Kb3** And now Qf5! would win. **57...Qb1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

E24
□ **Krush,Irina 2388**
■ **Paikidze,Nazi 2314**
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[Kitty Kat]

E27: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...0-0 6 f3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 d6 6.f3 0-0 0.29/19
[⌓6...c5 -0.19/22]
7.e4= Nh5
[7...e5 8.Bg5 *(8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Ne2 c6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Ng3 Nb6 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Be6 14.Bg5 Nxc4 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.Nf5 Qxe4 18.Nxd6 Qe3+ 19.Rf2 Be6 20.Qf3 Qxf3 21.Rxf3 b5 22.Rxf6 Kg7* 1-0 Gales,R (1911)-Beber,A (1591) EU-ch Cities&Town U18 op Tornelo INT 2023*)* 8...c5 9.d5 Nbd7 10.Bd3 h6 11.Be3 Re8 12.Ne2 Nf8 13.0-0 Ng6 14.Qd2 Kf8 15.Ng3 Ke7 16.Rab1 Qc7 17.Rb2 Kd8 18.Rfb1 Rb8 19.Bc2 Ne7 20.h4 Bd7 21.Rf1

Ng6 22.h5 ½-½ Agrest,E (2584)-Ernst,T (2471) SWE-ch Skara 2002 (7)]

8.Nh3 f5 9.Nf2N White is slightly better.

[9.Bd3 c5 *(9...Nc6 10.0-0 f4 11.e5 dxe5 12.Qc2 Nf6 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxf4 Nxd3 15.Nxd3* #4 Ch.7: 5...O-O 6.f3 Nh5-8.e4 d6 9. Bd3 *)* 10.0-0 Nc6 11.exf5 exf5 12.Re1 f4 *(12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bf1 Ne6 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Ra2 Nf8 17.Rxe8 Qxe8 18.Rd2* #3 Ch.7: 5...O-O 6.f3 Nh5-8.e4 d6 9. Bd3 *)* 13.Nf2 Bf5 14.Ra2 #1 Quickstarter Guide-The Mainline with 6...Nh5]

9...f4 0.90/22

[9...Nf6= 0.30/20 remains equal.]

10.c5 dxc5 11.a4!

[Not 11.dxc5 Qg5∓]

11...cxd4 12.cxd4 Nc6 13.Bb2 Qg5 14.Rc1 Rd8 15.Rc5 0.35/19

[15.Rc4± 0.90/22]

15...Qxc5± 16.dxc5 Rxd1+ 17.Kxd1 a6 18.Bc4 White has compensation. **18...Na5 19.Ba2** Hoping for Be5. This pair of bishops is nice. **19...Bd7 20.Kc1** 0.35/22

[20.Kd2!± 0.84/22]

20...Kf7 21.Bc3 b6 22.cxb6 cxb6 23.Rd1 Bxa4 24.Rd6 Bb3 25.Bxb3 Nxb3+ 26.Kc2 Nc5 27.Rxb6 Rc8 28.Rb4 Nd7 29.Nd3 e5 30.Rb7 Ke8 1.26/25

[30...Ke6± 0.69/26]

31.Kd2 0.78/24 White is more active.

[⌓31.Kb3 1.26/25]

31...Nc5 32.Nxc5 Rxc5± Endgame. KRB-KRN **33.Bb4** 0.57/21

[33.Kd3!± 1.12/24]

33...Rb5? 2.38/25

[33...Rc4± 0.57/21]

34.Rxb5!+-

[Worse is 34.Re7+ Kd8 35.Bd6 Rb2+ 36.Kd3 Rxg2=]

34...axb5 KB-KN **35.Bd6 Kd7 36.Bxe5 Ke6 37.Bd4 Nf6 38.Kc3 Ne8 39.Kb4** 1.16/26

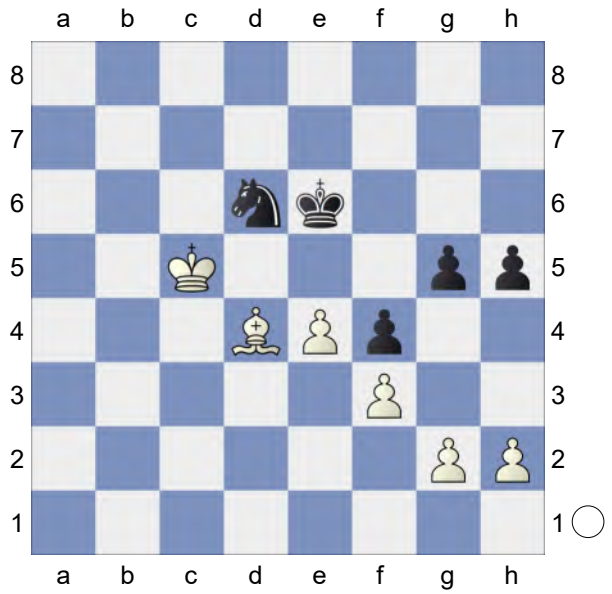
[White should play 39.h4+- 1.73/30]

39...g5± 40.Kxb5 Nd6+ 41.Kc5 0.38/28

[41.Kb4!± 1.05/32]

41...h5? 2.35/27

[41...g4!± 0.38/28]



42.Bc3!+- h4? 2.67/25

[42...Nb7+± 1.06/26 43.Kb4 Nd6]

(Diagram)

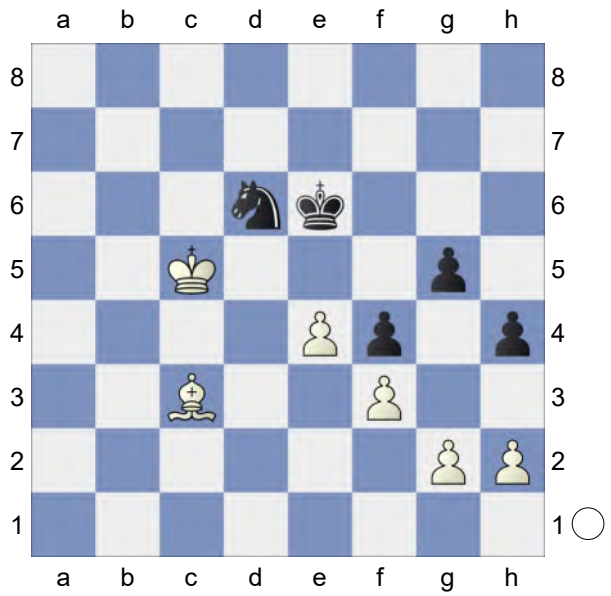
43.h3? 4.93/30

[43.Kd4! 2.67/25]

43...Nf7 44.Ba5 Ne5 45.Bd8 Nf7 46.Bc7 Kd7 47.Bb8 Ke6 48.Kc6 Nd8+ 49.Kc7 Nf7 50.Kc8 Ke7 51.Bc7 Ke8 52.Kb7 Ke7 53.Kc6 Ke6 54.Kc5 3.14/30

[⌓54.Bb8 7.64/31 Nh8 55.Bd6]

54...Kd7 55.Bb8 Ke6 56.Kd4 Nh6 57.Bc7 Nf7 58.e5? 0.00/40



[58.Kc4+- 6.00/27 Kd7 59.Bb8]

58...Kd7!= The position is equal. **59.Bb8 Ke6 60.Ke4 Nd8 61.Bd6** Bf8 would now be deadly. **61...Nc6 62.Bc7** Wards off Nd8 **62...Kd7! 63.Bd6 Ke6 64.Bc7** Against Nd8. Black must now prevent Bd6. **64...Kd7! 65.Bb6 Ke6 66.Bd4**

[66.Bc7!?]

66...Ne7 67.Bc5 Nf5 68.Bf2 Ne7 69.Bc5 aiming for Bxe7.

[69.Bb6!? Nc6□ 70.Bc7=]

69...Nf5 70.Bb6 Ng3+ 71.Kd4 Threatens to win with Bd8. **71...Nf5+ 72.Kd3** And now Bd8 would win.

[72.Ke4!?]

72...Kxe5 73.Bd8 Ne3 74.Bxg5 Nxg2 75.Ke2 Kf5 76.Bd8 Bb6 is the strong threat. **76...Ne3! 77.Bxh4 Nc4 78.Bf2 Ne5 79.Bd4** Strongly threatening Bxe5. **79...Ng6 80.Bb6 Ke5 81.Bd8 Kf5 82.Kf2 Ne5 83.Kg2 Nd3 84.h4 Kg6 85.Be7 Kh5 86.Bg5 Ne5 87.Kf2 Ng6 88.Ke2 Nxh4 89.Bxf4 Nxf3 90.Kxf3** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.26 (precise)

½-½